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KEY MESSAGES

-) EURELECTRIC welcomes the European Commission's intention to streamline and simplify the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. We also welcome the long term perspective, but stress that the European strategy for decarbonisation of buildings must reflect the importance of decarbonised electricity. Furthermore, it is important to explain clearly how milestones are set and how these will interact with the governance system of the Energy Union.
-) The smartness indicator appears to be a promising tool but must be defined in more detail within this Directive and not at a later stage via delegated legislation. If implemented correctly, this tool could play an important role in the development of a market for flexible solutions and technologies. EURELECTRIC believes that its features should be discussed in more detail, and decided in a transparent manner in the context of discussions of the Directive, in order not to miss out on its potential.
-) EURELECTRIC welcomes the Commission's initiative to address the need for electric vehicle recharging infrastructure in both residential and non-residential buildings. This is crucial to speed up the market penetration of electric vehicles and thereby the decarbonisation of the road transport sector.
-) Regarding the application of the Primary Energy Factor (PEF) in this Directive, EURELECTRIC welcomes the Commission's approach as it retains each Member State's right to set its own factor for buildings. We further welcome the decision to discount the share of renewable energy (RES) in energy carriers with equal treatment for onsite RES and RES from central sources.
-) EURELECTRIC welcomes the increased emphasis on smart financing mechanisms for buildings as a means of accelerating the transition to cleaner energy in Europe's building stock.