## **General facts**

- Efficiency First is built on the common-sense approach that we should try to reach our decarbonisation goals by using as few resources as possible and considering cost-effectiveness with a broader perspective
- Efficiency First is at the core of the European Commission's strategy for smart sector integration and is a key principle of the Renovation Wave

## Efficiency First is not a new name for energy efficiency

Efficiency First gives priority to demand-side resources whenever they are more cost effective from a societal perspective than investments in energy infrastructure in meeting policy objectives. It is a decision principle that is applied systematically at any level to energy-related investment planning and enabled by an 'equal opportunity' policy design.



Enablers



Strong commitment of policymakers to implement Efficiency First in legislative decisions

Clear definition of Efficiency First

and practical examples of how it

can be implemented across

sectors



Proactive dissemination of good practices and case studies

Communication &

cultural change

Storage



Coordination between all actors in the value chain



regulatory barriers & value societal

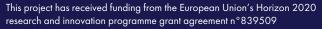
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EU policy background

among others:

2015

2018

One of the five pillars of the Energy Union

Cross-cutting principle in the CE4ALL

Union (EU, 2018/1999)

(EU 2018/2002)

(EU 2018/2001)

package, proposed by EC in November

2016 and completed in 2019, including

Governance Regulation of the Energy

amending Energy Efficiency Directive

amending Renewable Energy Directive

Electricity Directive (EU, 2019/944) & Electricity Regulation (EU, 2019/943)

Energy Performance of Buildings

Directive (2018/844/EU)