

# enza

European Net Zero Alliance

**We can - We want - We will**



# Who we are

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**enza** is an Alliance of 25 like-minded organisations from across all sectors.

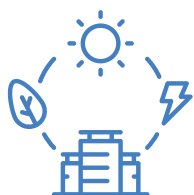
We **cover** the whole value chain of electricity, gas, heat, as well as end-users.

Our **mission** is to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 by promoting integrated, cross-sectoral and cost-effective solutions.



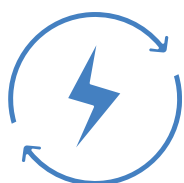
**> 87 Million**

The estimated number of workers we employ across Europe



**€163 billion**

The amount of renewable energy related industry turnover in EU-27 countries



**42.5%**

The amount of energy coming from renewable sources by 2030

# Towards 2040

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## Sustainability

We encourage the roll-out of all renewable, low-carbon and circular solutions enabling the transition towards a net-zero economy.

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## Competitiveness

We are committed to sustainable and resilient growth. We aim to create the enabling environment for the EU industry to thrive and to develop, manufacture and deploy competitive clean energy technologies.

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## Inclusion

We believe that the Energy Transition and Just Transition are two sides of the same coin. We want to build together a low-carbon future that is fair and beneficial for all EU communities, businesses and citizens, and where no-one is left behind.

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## Synergy

We promote a whole-economy approach to decarbonisation that supports the integration of different energy vectors and technology-neutral solutions to achieve a resilient, efficient and flexible energy system for all end-user sectors.

# Policy Recommendations

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## **1. Set ambitious short- and long-term targets**

Short-term and long-term targets are key to incentivise renewable, decarbonised and low-carbon energy production, with the support of net-negative solutions – as required by the 55% GHG emission reduction target. These demand- and supply-side targets should be adequately incentivised without discriminating against any potential customer segments.

## **2. Ensure coherence between current and future legislation**

A smooth transition from existing legislation can only be achieved by building on the regulatory framework underpinning liquidity and competitiveness within the internal market.

## **3. Make use of existing infrastructure to support efficient solutions**

Using existing infrastructure at local, regional and EU level in a smart and coordinated way will ensure that more renewable, decarbonised and low-carbon energy can be integrated into the system efficiently.



#### **4. Promote synergies between vectors through clear network access rules**

A resilient, efficient and flexible energy system needs to be established for all end-user sectors relying on existing and new infrastructure. Transparent network access arrangements will need to be in place to guarantee synergies between vectors and enable efficient use and conversion across liquid and gaseous fuels, heat and power.

#### **5. Provide reliable and tradable solutions**

Certification schemes for renewable, decarbonised and low-carbon energy are needed to enable trading across sectors whilst building on a liquid internal energy market.

#### **6. Choose a technology-neutral approach**

A technology-neutral approach that ensures adequate levels of R&I funding needs to be adopted. This shall be weighed against market readiness and the technology readiness level of available and future technological solutions in order to deliver on the decarbonisation objective.



## **7. Review state aid rules**

The objective of climate neutrality can be reached more easily through a supportive framework facilitated by a progressive review of state aid rules.

## **8. Provide end-users with efficient decarbonisation solutions**

End-users should be given the choice of most suitable energy vectors as long as they deliver on the decarbonisation targets and provide them with highly efficient solutions.

## **9. Facilitate and integrate decentralised solutions**

Supporting the development and integration of local value chains and decentralised solutions would contribute to create a truly integrated energy system, to engage consumers in the energy transition, and to advance the circular economy. As decentralised generation, storage and use of renewable and low-carbon energy continue to grow, regulatory barriers for the development of local innovative initiatives should be eliminated.



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