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## **CEEP Public Services Board: Commission Roadmap on SME Definition Review**

### **Communication sent to members of CEEP Public Services Board (12/6/2017):**

I would like to inform you that on 8 June 2017, **the European Commission published its Roadmap on the Revision of the EU SME Definition**. Please find it [here](#).

Repeating that a public consultation will be launched at the beginning of 2018, the Roadmap gives also more details on the Commission's objectives and policy options in view of a possible revision of the existing EU SME Definition. In general, the Commission seems to tend to start a review of the Definition for the first time since 2003. However, it only informs about the overall direction of this Commission initiative and does not include details regarding the specific problems of local public services' enterprises that are SMEs, but excluded from the current Definition. Therefore, over the months to come, it is of crucial importance to mobilise and to provide active input to the Commission's work on this file.

As usual, as a first step, everybody has now four weeks to **provide comments on the Commission Roadmap**. Should you wish to contribute new arguments, figures and/or examples of how your enterprise and/or members are disadvantaged to the CEEP argumentation, please feel warmly invited to **contact me by the end of June at the latest**.

In addition to that, please also use the opportunity to individually provide comments on the Commission Roadmap. You can do that [here](#) **by 6 July 2017 at the latest**. It would be very important that you also encourage all your members and/or relevant contacts in other enterprises that are experiencing discrimination so that they can also provide feedback in order to make our arguments as visible as possible. This is particularly important as other organisations will mobilise their members to argue for the status quo.

For your information, the Roadmap also includes a link to an [overview of all EU legislation that refers to the EU SME Definition](#). You might deem this helpful in order to identify in which way your enterprise and/or members are impacted by the existing EU SME Definition and the discrimination that local public enterprises are not included in it.

Should you have any questions or remarks, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## CEEP Environment Task Force: Follow-up to Task Force meeting on 8 June 2017

### Communication sent to members of the CEEP Environment Task Force (12/6/2017):

Thanking all participants for their active contribution to last Thursday's fruitful Task Force meeting and prior to the draft minutes, I would like to send you again the requested links to some of the documents that were discussed at the meeting:

– The different joint statements with other stakeholders that were discussed in the Task Force over the last weeks and that CEEP co-signed in view of the trilogue negotiations on the waste legislation review: Statement on [commercial and industrial waste](#), Statement on [possible delay of the landfill reduction target](#), Statement on the [recycling measurement point and calculation method](#) as well as Statement on the [Waste Hierarchy](#). As discussed, please feel invited to spread these statements among your contacts too.

– An overview of the [highlights](#) of the Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference on last 9 and 10 March as well as a summary of the debates on the development of a [Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform](#) that the Commission has now sent to all participants.

– A Committee of the Regions (CoR) [survey](#) that is carried out as part of a study undertaken by Milieu Ltd for the CoR on improving multi-level environmental governance for better implementation of EU environment legislation. The study will inform the work of the CoR, which is currently drafting an Opinion on the Environmental Implementation Review (EIR). Please note that the consultation will be running for two months, from 1 June to 31 July 2017. As also discussed, should you kindly suggest drafting input for a possible CEEP response, please come back to me as soon as possible, by 23 June at the latest.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## CEEP Energy Task Force: Update ahead of next meeting on 30 June 2017

### Communication sent to members of the CEEP Energy Task Force (9/6/2017):

As you might already have noted, the next meeting of the CEEP Energy Task Force will take place **in Paris on 30 June 2017, from 12.00 pm to 4.00 pm**, at the kind invitation of EDF. The meeting will start at 12.00 pm with a light lunch and the different agenda items will be discussed starting from 1.00 pm. The meeting will end at 4.00 pm. As usual, meeting documents will be sent to you two weeks prior to the meeting.

In view of the Task Force' ongoing activities, I would like to thank you for your much-appreciated proposals for CEEP amendments to the different legislative elements of the Clean Energy Package. I am currently consulting all those who have sent me input in order to bring together the different proposals. Based on this, I will send you next week a draft that includes the list of amendments that we can then finalise together with all interested members.

Moreover, I would like to inform you that the [CEEP opinion on the Clean Energy Package](#) drafted within the Energy Task Force was sent to the CEEP General Assembly for final approval. If approved by all its members by next week Friday, it will become an official CEEP opinion.

As you might also have followed this week, the discussions on the Clean Energy Package in the European Parliament have continued this week. Amongst others, on 8 June, the ENVI Committee held a discussion on a draft opinion on the energy efficiency legislation, authored by rapporteur Jytte Guteland (S&D, SE). In her draft opinion, the rapporteur proposes measures that would lead to a projected 40% reduction in EU greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to 1990. She however stresses that the EU's commitment to energy efficiency must go beyond 2030 and that efforts towards reaching net carbon neutrality by 2050 need to be pursued. To fight energy poverty, she proposes that member states shall be obliged to require a significant share of measures to be implemented in households affected by energy poverty or social housing. She also proposes further extending measures which she described as effective, such as the renovations of public buildings and energy audits for enterprises. Please find [here](#) a summary of the debate that we received. The opinion is supposed to contribute to the Parliament work led by the ITRE Committee, where talks are led by Polish S&D MEP Adam Gierek. While Ms Guteland proposes to raise the target to 40 percent by 2030 and make it binding, Mr Gierek wants to make it 35 percent and binding. Both are even higher than the Commission's proposed 30 percent and binding.

Regarding the Parliament's rapporteur in the final negotiations for the reform of the Emissions Trading System (ETS), members of the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) group are discussing who should have this role. Scottish Conservative MEP Ian Duncan said today that he wants the file back from fellow British Conservative Julie Girling, following his defeat in the U.K. general election. However, Ms Girling also claimed that she would remain rapporteur of the ETS file, which Mr Duncan handed to her during the campaign. He hoped to be elected to the U.K. parliament for a seat that he lost by only 21 votes in his Scottish constituency. The ECR group will discuss the issue next week on the sidelines of the Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg, while the final decision rests with the group's chair, Syed Kamall. The ETS reform is now in trilogue negotiations between the Parliament, the Council and the European Commission. The next political session will take place on June 27.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to meeting you all in Paris on 30 June,

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