

## **EdEn reacts to the green taxonomy draft delegated act**

**EdEn believes that the proposed inclusion of nuclear power in the green taxonomy should lead to further promotion of the use of decarbonised electricity.**

According to Brice Lalonde, President of EdEn: “The European Commission must revisit all the texts it has published in light of the “Emission Reduction First” principle, which must be the primary objective of its energy and climate policy”.

### **A positive step forward for the integration of decarbonised electricity**

EdEn welcomes the proposal made by the European Commission on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December to include nuclear activities within the "green taxonomy" under certain conditions. If this inclusion was confirmed at the end of the consultation procedure that has just been opened, it would increase the volume of low-carbon electricity available for the fight against climate change, and thus make it easier to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

EdEn believes that a balanced mix of nuclear energy and renewables is likely to provide all potential consumers access to abundant, low-carbon, stable and competitive electricity. This pathway would also be an opportunity to revive our industry and switch to low-carbon solutions in the building and transport sectors.

### **But the Fit for 55 package needs to be coherent with the green taxonomy**

This decision to include nuclear electricity in the green taxonomy should however be complemented with coherent policies in the building sector and in the transport sector. EdEn believes that too many of the directives and regulations proposed by the European Commission as part of the Fit for 55 package are currently based on provisions that impede the use of electricity of nuclear origin.

In some key proposed texts, the Commission still equates energy efficiency to primary energy consumption reductions and only takes into consideration electricity or hydrogen of renewable origin. If nuclear power is included in the green taxonomy, then all forms of low-carbon electricity should be treated equally.

**About EdEn:** Created in 2011, EdEn is a cross-sector association gathering businesses from the energy sector, building sector and mobility sector. Our recommendations aim at promoting decarbonisation and green growth.

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