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The internal electricity market brings huge benefits for European consumers and companies, who can rely on neighbouring Member States to meet demand and ensure security of supply. These benefits are estimated around EUR 34 billion per year¹.

The EU agreed on a reform² of the European electricity market design (EMD) to stabilise the prices of electricity supply, lower the impact of gas prices and ensure the reaping of the benefits from decarbonised electricity. The European EMD reform strengthens the role of power purchase agreements (PPAs) and two-way contracts for difference (CfDs), promotes non-fossil flexibility to phase out gas, and allows consumers to make themselves less dependent on volatile short-term markets. But this reform requires significant additional steps to fully produce its effects. In particular, the promotion of PPAs, the roll-out of CfDs and the reform of the European forward market are subject to important follow-up work already set out in the legislative reform, in the Clean Industrial Deal and the Action Plan for affordable Energy³. This work will be key to complete the decoupling of retail bills from volatile fossil fuel prices. The Commission also supports Member States towards full implementation of the reform.

The revised Regulation (EU) 1227/2011 (REMIT)⁴ and its framework, including the upcoming revised REMIT Implementing Regulation, enhances energy market transparency and resilience by improving reporting on gas storage, balancing transactions, and hydrogen markets, enabling the EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators to monitor hedging strategies and detect market abuse. These reforms are complemented by the Gas Market Task Force, which will submit recommendations by the end of 2025.

¹ ACER's final assessment of the EU wholesale electricity market design; ACER, April 2022.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401747 and https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401711.

³ Action Plan for Affordable Energy, COM (2025) 79 final.

⁴ Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/1227/oj>).