Basic information

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European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices Repealing Directive 2008/92/EC 2007/0253(COD) **Subject** 3.60.03 Gas, electricity, natural gas, biogas 3.60.12 Energy statistics	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	3490	2016-10-14

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
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Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/11/2015	Legislative proposal published	COM(2015)0496	Summary

26/11/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
24/05/2016	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
24/05/2016	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
26/05/2016	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0184/2016	Summary
12/07/2016	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	PE585.519 GEDA/A/(2016)008013	
13/09/2016	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0332/2016	Summary
13/09/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/10/2016	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
26/10/2016	Final act signed		
26/10/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/11/2016	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2015/0239(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Repealing Directive 2008/92/EC 2007/0253(COD)
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Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/8/05106

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE578.472	02/03/2016	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE580.662	15/04/2016	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0184/2016	26/05/2016	Summary
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		PE585.519	22/06/2016	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0332/2016	13/09/2016	Summary

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Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement	GEDA/A/(2016)008013	23/06/2016	

Draft final act	00028/2016/LEX	26/10/2016	

European Commission

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Legislative proposal	COM(2015)0496	18/11/2015	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2016)737	26/11/2016	

National parliaments

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Additional information

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Final act

Regulation 2016/1952
OJ L 311 17.11.2016, p. 0001 Summary

European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices

2015/0239(COD) - 18/11/2015 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to establish a common framework for the development, production and dissemination of comparable European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices for household and final non-household customers in the EU.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: high quality, comparable, up-to-date, reliable and harmonised information on natural gas and electricity prices charged to final customers are needed in order to draft Energy Union policy and monitor the Member States' energy markets.

Up to the present date, Directive 2008/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council has provided a common framework for producing, transmitting and disseminating comparable statistics on the natural gas and electricity retail prices charged to industrial customers in the Union. National authorities collect price data for household customers on the basis of a voluntary agreement.

The growing complexity of the internal energy market make it increasingly difficult to obtain reliable and up-to-date price data for natural gas and electricity in the absence of legally binding obligations to provide such data, in particular for the household sector.

In order to **guarantee the reporting of high quality price data for the household sector and for the non-household sector**, the Commission considered that the collection of both types of data should be covered by a legal act.

The European Commission adopted on 25 February 2015 the Energy Union Package. One of the actions of the Energy Union Package under the chapter of the internal energy market defines an analysis of energy prices and costs to be carried out in 2016 and every 2 years thereafter.

CONTENT: the proposed Regulation seeks to establish a common framework for the development, production and dissemination of comparable European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices for household and final non-household customers in the EU. It repeals Directive 2008/92/EC.

While applying the principle of maintaining a reduced burden on respondents and of administrative simplification, Member States shall **compile data on natural gas and electricity prices and their sub-components** on network costs and taxes, levies, fees and charges as referred to in Annexes I and II and on consumption volumes.

The system of **consumption bands** used by the Commission (Eurostat) in its price publications should ensure the transparency of the market and the broad dissemination of non-confidential price data and should enable the calculation of European aggregates.

Detailed data on the breakdown of consumption bands and their respective market shares are an essential part of natural gas and electricity price statistics.

Members States should regularly prepare **quality reports** and assessments of the quality of the price data.

Member States shall not be obliged to transmit data on natural gas prices for household customers to the Commission (Eurostat) if the consumption of natural gas in the household sector is below a threshold of 1 % of national total energy consumption in the household sector.

Based on a justified request from a Member State, the **Commission may grant derogations** to Member States in relation to those specific obligations for which the application of this Regulation to the national statistical system of a Member State requires major adaptations and is likely to lead to a significant additional burden on respondents.

DELEGATED ACTS: the proposal contains provisions empowering the Commission to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices

2015/0239(COD) - 13/09/2016 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 375 votes to 161, with 60 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive 2008/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users.

Parliament's position, adopted at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure, amended the Commission proposal as follows:

Aim of the Regulation: it is stated that the objective of this Regulation, namely the establishment of a common legal framework for the systematic production of European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can rather, be better achieved at Union level.

The amended text also stated that:

- this Regulation does not entail any harmonisation of the structure of prices or charges across Member States;
- the collection of data on natural gas and electricity prices should follow the established practices within the European Statistical System;
- Member States should compile the data on natural gas and electricity prices by using the most appropriate sources and methods to provide the required information;
- the data on prices and conditions of sale to final customers, and the breakdown of the number of final customers by consumption in each consumption band, should contain all the information necessary to enable the Commission to decide on appropriate measures or proposals in relation to energy policy.

Coverage: Parliament stated that Member States shall ensure that the data collection and compilation provide **comprehensible and comparable high-quality data** that are representative of their respective natural gas and electricity prices and consumption.

Member States shall not be obliged to transmit data on natural gas prices for household customers if the consumption of natural gas in the household sector accounts for **less than 1.5 %** of national final energy consumption in the household sector. At least every three years, the Commission (Eurostat) shall review which Member States are not obliged to transmit data.

Transmission of data: Member States shall provide statistics to the Commission (Eurostat) within **three months** of the end of the relevant reference period. The reference periods for the data specified in Annexes I and II shall be **annual** (January to December) or **biannual** (January to June and July to December).

Quality assurance: every three years, Member States shall provide Eurostat with a standard quality report on the data in accordance with the quality criteria laid down in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics. The Commission shall **assess the quality of the data** provided and shall use that assessment and an analysis of the quality reports in order to prepare and publish a report on the quality of European statistics covered by this Regulation. It shall adopt **implementing acts** establishing technical quality assurance requirements regarding the content of the quality reports.

European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices

2015/0239(COD) - 26/05/2016 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted the report by Barbara KAPPEL (ENF, AT) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive 2008/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission proposal as follows:

Data collection and compilation system: Members stated that the Member States shall ensure that data collection and compilation system in place provides comprehensible and comparable high quality data that represent prices of natural gas and electricity.

Assessing the quality of data: where the Commission (Eurostat) identifies statistically significant anomalies or inconsistencies in data provided, it may request from the national authorities an appropriate breakdown of the data as well as the calculation or evaluation methods upon which the data provided are based, in order to assess the data and, if necessary request that any data or any information deemed to be inaccurate is corrected or amended and then resubmitted by the Member State concerned.

Dissemination of statistics: the Commission (Eurostat) shall disseminate natural gas and electricity price statistics no later than three months after the end of each reference period/

Delegated acts: Members deleted the provisions of the proposal empowering the Commission to adopt delegated acts with a view to adjusting the thresholds that may apply to the natural gas market.

European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices

2015/0239(COD) - 26/10/2016 - Final act

PURPOSE: to establish a common framework for the production of European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2016/1952 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive 2008/92/EC.

CONTENT: the Regulation establishes a common framework for the development, production and dissemination of comparable European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices for household and final non-household customers in the EU.

High-quality, comparable, up-to-date, reliable and harmonised data on natural gas and electricity prices charged to final customers are needed in order to draft energy union policy and monitor the Member States' energy markets.

The collection of data on natural gas and electricity prices charged to final customers in the household sector has so far been carried out on the basis of a **voluntary** agreement.

Data sources, coverage and transmission: Member States shall compile data on natural gas and electricity prices, and their components and sub-components concerning network costs, taxes, fees, levies and charges, and on consumption volumes, in accordance with Annexes I and II. Data shall be sent to Eurostat on an annual or bi-annual basis.

Member States shall not be obliged to transmit data on natural gas prices for household customers if the consumption of natural gas in the household sector accounts for less than 1.5 % of national final energy consumption in the household sector.

Quality assurance: every three years, Member States shall provide Eurostat with a standard quality report on the data in accordance with the quality criteria laid down in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics. Eurostat shall assess the quality of the data provided and shall use that assessment and an analysis of the quality reports in order to prepare and publish a report on the quality of European statistics covered by this Regulation.

Derogations: based on a reasoned request from a Member State, the Commission should be entitled to grant derogations to that Member State in relation to specific obligations for which the application of this Regulation to the national statistical system of that Member State requires major adaptations or is likely to lead to a significant additional burden on respondents.

Directive 2008/92/EC is repealed with effect from 1 March 2017.

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