

Meeting report - Meeting between A4E and DG TAXUD , 8 June 2021

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On request of A4E this meeting took place to discuss the upcoming proposal for a the revision of the energy tax directive as part of the Fit for 55 Package.

DG TAXUD explained the state of play of the proposal. While detailed design choices are still outstanding, a couple of core principles are fairly established, including a higher environmental ambition and the reduction of exemptions. It is likely that this will also have an impact on the aviation sector. DG TAXUD emphasized that the revised ETD will be part of a broad package, and has to be well calibrated with the other initiatives.

A4E explained that its core objective is that aviation can grow sustainably while continuing to contribute to the social and economic development in Europe. While a coherent policy framework promoting sustainability and innovation is required, competitiveness should remain central to the EU's ambition in the green transition. For A4E, the decarbonisation of transport is a key policy objective and will be essential to reaching the EU's climate policy objectives and it is ready to engage constructively in the weeks ahead and after the proposal is made.