

Proposed reform is a band-aid for a failing electricity market



(15 March 2023) The European Commission’s newly published draft proposal to reform the EU’s electricity market design delivers only superficial changes to the current electricity market design.

The [proposal](#) falls far short of a deeper reform that EPSU has been calling for since years and **is nothing more than a band-aid applied to a failing electricity market**. The Commission made clear that it is not willing to question the liberalisation dogma. The marginal pricing system will remain intact and the market as prone to crisis as always. The oversized redistribution from energy consumers to energy companies will continue.

The proposal does not consider how we can support households in reducing their energy bills in a fair and sustainable way to achieve a real right to energy. Instead, it speaks about “active participation of the consumers in the market and the development of their demand response.” A real solution would be to set up publicly owned energy providers with the mandate, and the capacity, to roll out energy efficiency improvements to homes, significantly reducing bills.

The proposal also fails to consider the shortage of workers in the electricity sector

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