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Presentation title:	Developments in the Energy Building Framework at EU and National Leve	el

This presentation provides a comprehensive overview of the evolving policy and regulatory framework on EU level to enhance energy performance of buildings across Europe.

In line with the EU's commitment to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 under the European Green Deal, the "Fit for 55" package introduced ambitious legislative proposals to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030. Recently updated in alignment with the REPowerEU plan, this package now targets a 57% reduction in net greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

In the building sector, several legislative instruments have been adopted to ensure a decarbonized building environment. These include the Energy Efficiency Directive, Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, Renewable Energy Directive, EU Emissions Trading System Directive, and the Effort Sharing Regulation. Over the past three years, these instruments have undergone substantial revisions as part of the "Fit for 55" package, further strengthened by the REPowerEU plan, with the most recent update being the amendment of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive in May 2024.

Given this rapidly evolving regulatory landscape and the ongoing implementation of these policies across EU Member States, the European Commission has published a series of guidance documents, the most recent being the "Accele-RES" initiative. These documents aim to assist national authorities in transposing the new legislation into national legal frameworks by providing clarity on its more complex aspects.

In light of these circumstances, it is essential for Member States to illustrate through their National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) how this new legislation will be integrated into their national legal frameworks to meet the 2030 climate and energy targets. In this context, this presentation also provides a brief overview of the amendments to Greece's recently updated Energy and Climate Plan, along with other recently adopted provisions intended to align Greek legislation with EU standards.

Short CV:

Alexandra is an Associate in the Energy Team at KBVL Law Firm, a member of the Deloitte Legal Network. Throughout her professional experience, she has contributed to a range of energy-related projects, acquiring extensive knowledge on the relevant regulatory framework.

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Alexandra is an Associate in the Energy Team at KBVL Law Firm, a member of the Deloitte Legal Network.

She has gained substantial experience in the EU and national energy and climate regulatory framework through her involvement in various projects, including the acquisition of renewable energy assets and negotiation and drafting of energy-related contracts.

She holds an LL.B. from the University of Athens, where she also completed her postgraduate studies in Industrial Property and Competition Law, with a focus on competition and regulation. Her master's thesis analyzed recent developments in the competition law framework and its implementation in the context of the sustainability objectives outlined in the Paris Agreement and the EU Green Deal.