

AIB Press Release

The AIB reacts to EU Commission proposals for disclosure and guarantees of origin in “Clean Energy for All Europeans” package

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The European Commission’s proposals in the package “Clean Energy for All Europeans” are ambitious and will contribute to a better integrated and more decarbonised European energy market. More specifically, the instrument of the Guarantee of Origin (GO) is consolidated and reinforced by extending the issuance of GOs to all renewable energy, and making GOs mandatory for disclosure purposes.

The Association of Issuing Bodies (AIB) welcomes these elements. In particular, we appreciate the European Commission’s recognition that the GO is a valuable instrument for Europe’s electricity consumers. Thanks to the GO, companies and households can actively select a contract which guarantees that the electricity supplied to their home or business is from renewable sources.

The AIB – along with several other European and national organisations and companies – has been advocating for ‘full disclosure’, the mandatory use of GOs for disclosing all electricity, including from fossil and nuclear sources. While it is disappointing that issuance and use of fossil and nuclear GOs has been not made mandatory, we welcome the clarification that it is now legally supported and can be made mandatory if a MS so wishes.

The clarification of the role of high-efficiency cogeneration (HEC) GOs is also welcomed, as is the addition of GOs for renewable gas.

Several elements in the proposals however raise concerns, in particular those concerning the introduction by the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II) of auctioning supported renewable energy in order to offset the cost of support by the income derived from the sale of GOs.

The AIB has reviewed in detail the provisions of the package relating to disclosure and guarantees of origin, and its views are set out at <https://www.aib-net.org/clean-energy-for-all-europeans-package>.

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