

## **CEDEC Brief News** | September 2023

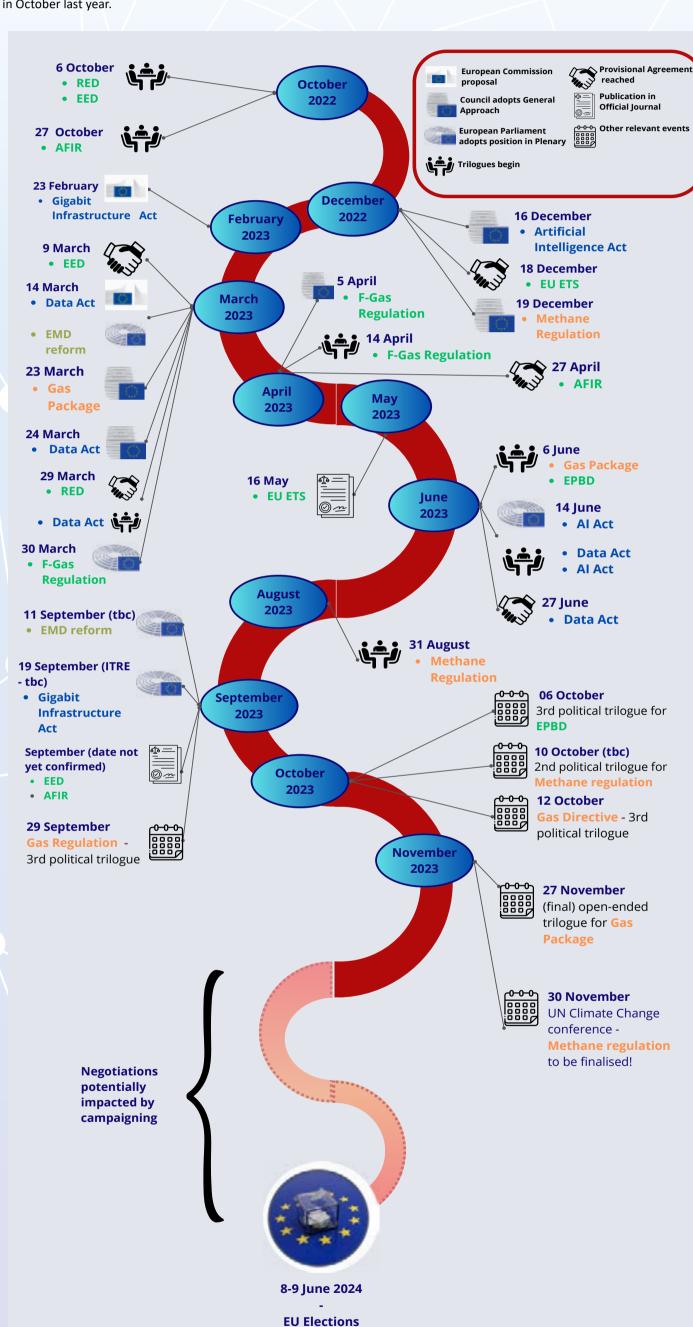
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## Approaching the finish line - Status of legislative files

With the summer break now over, the race to wrap up the many files still on the table before the EU elections is back on. This edition of the CEDEC Newsletter will therefore be devoted to providing a quick overview of how far exactly down the road we are for each of these files.

- **Fit for 55 package:** While **Part I (RED, EED, ETS, AFIR)** is now mostly finalised, negotiations for the **EPBD** only kicked off in June and still have a long way to go, with crucial issues such as the definition of Zero Emission Buildings (ZEB) still to be discussed.
- **Gas Package**: negotiations left off in July on a cliff-hanger following the Spanish Presidency's very positive proposals on unbundling, with this essential issue to be addressed as negotiations pick up again this month.
- Methane Regulation: negotiators as trilogues only kicked off on 31 August, and are to be finalised by COP28 3 months later
  despite the wide gulf between the Council and Parliament positions.
- **Electricity Market Design reform:** The co-legislators have also almost reached their negotiating positions, with a (likely uncontroversial) plenary vote upcoming to adopt the ITRE position and only a couple of sticking points left in Council.
- On digital files, a Provisional Agreement has already been reached for the **Data Act**, while trilogues are still ongoing for the **Artificial Intelligence Act** and Parliament and Council still must finalise its position on the **Gigabit Infrastructure Act**.

The timeline below recaps all the major milestones in the CEDEC priority files, starting from when the first trilogues were launched in October last year.



## Hydrogen infrastructure map update:

The Hydrogen Infrastructure Map, initially launched by CEDEC in cooperation with 5 other associations for gas distribution (ENTSOG, Eurogas, GD4S, GEODE and GIE) in December 2022, is being updated!

You can include new project information or update project details already provided via the Hydrogen Project Information online form, available on the Hydrogen Infrastructure map website by 12 October 2023 at the latest.

## **Upcoming meetings & Events**

- → CEDEC WG Electricity Market Design meeting: 12 September
- → CEDEC WG Gas : 13 September
- → CEDEC Board of Directors: 20 September
- CEDEC WG Fit for 55: 28 September