R16 A5: ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Towards a truly interconnected and sustainable energy market

Proposers FYEG Executive Committee and DWARS

Motion text

From line 64 to 71:

~~It should be noted that this resolution focuses on energy independence, and does not directly address energy poverty, since a resolution about this was accepted during the 2020 General Assembly. Although there is not one common definition of energy poverty between Member States, it is generally described as a situation in which households are unable to access essential energy services. Since energy poverty is usually experienced or measured at the household level, it is not directly addressed in this resolution. However, stronger and better-connected energy infrastructure can go a long way in reducing energy poverty.~~The current situation does not only imply the EU is financing authoritarian regimes as well as the Russian war against Ukraine, but it is also allowing Energy Companies to attain huge profits at the expense of consumers. Energy prices are rising exponentially, while fossil fuel companies are making record profits. Governments spend millions of tax money on subsidizing them. At the same time, the increasing inflation makes basic needs a luxury, while wages are drastically losing value. At this moment, many people cannot pay for their basic needs, don't know how to pay their energy bills and homelessness is on the rise.

The economic system is deeply rotten, providing more and more money for the richest companies that massively destroy our planet and human lives, while the majority of peoples' living situations become more precarious than ever and energy poverty spiking dramatically among countries. Although there is not one common definition of energy poverty between Member States, it is generally described as a situation in which households are unable to access essential energy services. This can only be tackled by a drastic revolution of our energy system. Only by phasing out fossil fuels by 2030 and massively increasing subsidies, jobs and resources in renewable energies, the earth overheating can be limited, while at the same time ensuring a democratization of the energy system and the European independence from authoritarian regimes that are a

serious threat to human lives and human rights. Moreover, stronger and better-connected energy infrastructure can go a long way in reducing energy poverty.

Delete from line 77 to 78:

1. capacity and reducing costs and therefore prices in order to achieve energy independence, by:[Space]

Delete from line 91 to 92:

2. essential step to ensure a functional and efficient European energy market, as well as a necessity for more sustainable energy supply, by:[Space]

Reason

Merging both resolutions on energy into one and giving a more in depth explanation on economic side of the energy market.