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Energy Efficiency January missed opportunity: Rendez-vous in June!

*“Excluding Energy Efficiency from the 2030 Package is **to consciously choose NOT to boost our fragile economic recovery** and to lock-in high costs for future generations, renege on our climate commitments and reduce EU competitiveness”* said Adrian Joyce, Secretary General of EuroACE, in reaction to the 2030 Climate and Energy Package unveiled today. *“By proposing only a GHG emissions target and a Renewables target, the Commission’s White Paper genuinely ignores the **crucial role energy efficiency should play in meeting our climate and energy ambitions in a cost-effective manner, based on the energy savings potential of each sector.**”*

Indeed, evidence-based research from the recent Fraunhofer Report¹ has already demonstrated that without a binding Energy Efficiency Target, the EU will not achieve energy savings beyond the business as usual scenario. An **Energy Efficiency Target framed within 3 reinforcing targets** therefore responds to **common sense and economic rationality**.

By excluding an Energy Efficiency Target from the 2030 Package, the Commission also goes against the views expressed by the democratically-elected Members of the EP in their recent Report on 2030.

“Failing to include a binding Energy Efficiency Target in the 2030 Climate and Energy Package flies in the face of basic EU democracy by openly disregarding the Report adopted in the ENVI-ITRE Parliamentary Committees this month which calls for 3 binding targets”, said **Anne Delvaux, Co-Rapporteur on the EP’s 2030 Report**. *“Increased Energy Efficiency should be seen as the cornerstone of the EU’s 2030 climate and energy package, and a **binding 40% Energy Efficiency target by 2030** is the only way to unlock the huge energy savings in sectors such **as buildings where the energy savings is huge and cost-effective!**”*

Given the widespread agreement on the huge energy savings potential of the buildings sector, and the repeated awareness that **binding legislation is needed to overcome the non-technical barriers** holding back this sector, the **only means of remedying to this large omission from the 2030 Package** would be for the Commission to bring about **bold legislation for energy efficiency and for buildings in its EED Review this year**.

The 2020 Energy Efficiency target, left non-binding in the 2020 Energy Climate Package, is already lagging, casting little hope of unlocking the multiple benefits lying dormant in the buildings sector unless an ambitious EED Review with **requirements for buildings as a major contributor to achieving a binding Energy Efficiency target** is enacted.

Indeed, buildings represent 40% of the energy demand in the EU, and offer a huge cost-effective energy savings potential, which if unlocked, could help the **EU to simultaneously meet its economic, energy security and environmental objectives**.

Learn more about the Climate and Energy Package: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/2030_en.htm

¹ Fraunhofer ISI report: Analysis of a European Reference Target System for 2030 - http://energycoalition.eu/sites/default/files/Fraunhofer%20ISI_ReferenceTargetSystemReport.pdf

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About EuroACE:

EuroACE represents Europe's leading companies involved with the manufacture, distribution and installation of energy saving goods and services for buildings. EuroACE members have a total turnover of around €140 billion per year in efficiency-related business and they employ approximately 172,000 people in these activities in Europe. The mission of EuroACE is to work together with the EU institutions to help Europe move towards a more efficient use of energy in buildings, thereby contributing to Europe's commitments on climate change, energy security and economic growth.

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About the Renovate Europe Campaign:

Launched in 2011, the Renovate Europe Campaign is an initiative of EuroACE. Its headline ambition is to reduce the energy demand of the EU building stock by 80% by 2050, as compared to 2005 levels.

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