

STATEMENT
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Encouraging deal on Buildings Directive

EuroACE is encouraged that EU institutions found a political agreement last night during the third trilogue on the EPBD. Let's hope 2018 will be the year of enhanced collaboration between Member States and stakeholders in setting clear actions to deliver renovation. Industry is ready to take up the challenge in the market, and to deliver benefits on the ground.

The final deal on the EPBD is the result of tense negotiations between the Parliament and the Council. *"We would like to congratulate MEPs, particularly the Rapporteur Bendt BENDTSEN, for their impressive work",* said Adrian JOYCE, EuroACE Secretary General. *"We also thank all sides of EU institutions for their constructive attitude yesterday, which allowed gaps to be bridged",* he added.

EuroACE is encouraged by the reinforcement of national long-term renovation strategies, which are pivotal to give more clarity to industry and investors, also on the long-term vision. Inclusion of elements such as milestones, measurable progress indicators, and references to Trigger Points, will help making them more impactful. Besides, EuroACE welcomes the modernisation of provisions on inspections of Technical Buildings Systems and installation of Building Automation & Controls.

"Last week at the One Planet Summit, many voices supported the implementation of the Paris Agreement. It is through concrete progress like in the Buildings Directive that we can live up to this challenge together. Yesterday's deal shows that it is possible to agree on doing more" said Céline CARRÉ, EuroACE President. *"Therefore, it is even more important that Member States swiftly put in place impactful renovation strategies and measures",* she added.

EuroACE and its members are eager to engage in the implementation phase. Industry and cities are ready to step in, to move forward the ambition at national level, and to turn the new text into reality on the ground. Because energy efficiency measures in buildings are a true engine for jobs and improved quality of life.

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