

STATEMENT - 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## South East Europe committed to lead on energy efficient renovation of buildings!

**EuroACE, the European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings, organised, with support from the C4E Forum and sponsorship from Knauf Insulation and VELUX, a conference in Slovenia. The aim? Presenting to an audience from across the countries of South East Europe (SEE) the main changes to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and discuss opportunities brought with this revision. Participants learnt of best practices from across the region, exchanged experiences and expertise, and finally signed the *Ljubljana Declaration – a call for greater ambition on energy renovation of buildings in South East Europe.***

All corners of the EU must implement the amended Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) that came into force in July 2018, and that must be transposed at national level by March 2020. A key element of the changes requires all Member States to devise, and put into action, long-term renovation strategies to transform their building stock to be highly energy efficient and decarbonised by 2050. Countries where the energy saving potential of the building stock is highest, have the most to gain from being ambitious in their strategies. This is clearly the case for countries in South East Europe.

*“Knowing that without good implementation, our work on EU legislation will have no meaning for people all across Europe, we regularly organise national or regional workshops to learn about the challenges on the ground in the Member States, and help them with best practice sharing”* said Adrian JOYCE, Secretary General of EuroACE *“This conference has, we hope, galvanised knowledge and support for ambitious implementation in this important region where a huge amount of energy savings potential in buildings remains untapped”*.

This event was also an opportunity to present the [EuroACE Guide](#) to the Implementation of the EPBD which is designed to assist Member State officials to thoroughly transpose and fully unlock the potential of the Directive. More information on the EuroACE work at national level as well as the proceedings of the conference in Slovenia can be found [here](#).

Following the detailed debates and exchanges at the event, regional representatives of businesses and stakeholder associations signed the [Ljubljana Declaration](#) that recognises that the transformation to an energy efficient building stock in all countries across the region is one of the most cost-effective ways to sustainably stimulate the economy whilst simultaneously improving the life of its citizens and contributing to meeting the climate commitments of the Paris Agreement. The *Ljubljana Declaration* will act as a rallying point for stakeholders across the region and EuroACE is proud to have been the enabler of the rich exchanges that occurred during the conference.

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**For further information**

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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 employ around 286,000 people in these activities in Europe and have around 1,200 production facilities and office locations. 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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