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**EuroACE – Energy Efficient Buildings reactions on:
‘Fit for 55 Package: Delivering the EU Green Deal’
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EuroACE – Energy Efficient Buildings welcomes the publication by the European Commission of its Fit for 55 (FF55) ‘July Package’. Well-designed and fully interconnected EU legislation will be the main driver for the achievement of the EU goals to transform our building stock to be highly energy efficient and decarbonised.

“Within the FF55 Package, the Energy Efficiency Directive is the piece of legislation that lifts the

*bar of ambition when it comes to a more efficient energy performance of our buildings and our energy systems. We welcome the proposed binding EU headline target that aims at reducing by 39% the EU’s primary energy consumption by 2030, along with the more ambitious energy savings obligations set out in the new Article 8” says **Adrian Joyce, Secretary General of EuroACE.***

*“The strengthening of the renovation requirement in the new Article 6 to now cover all buildings owned by public bodies and requiring them to reach NZEB levels is a big leap forward and one that can really help create scale. What’s key now is to ensure a similarly high level of ambition and coherence for the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) later this year” says **Julie Kjestrup, Danfoss, President of EuroACE.***



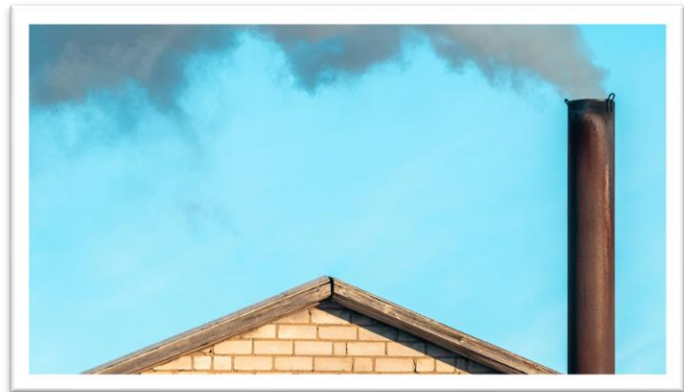
Indeed, *“The FF55 Package provides a roadmap for accelerating renovation, but much more work is needed to win the decarbonisation race for buildings. EuroACE members are ready for the legislative marathon and help make energy efficient, healthy and comfortable buildings a reality for all Europeans”, added **Céline Carré, Vice-President of EuroACE.***

EuroACE also welcomes the introduction, in Article 11, of an obligation for high energy-using enterprises to implement energy management systems (EMS), although we regret that the energy audit requirement will only be applied to lower-energy using enterprises, if an EMS is not in place. Energy audits are an underused tool that can ensure more efficient energy performance in buildings if their recommendations are implemented in a short timeframe. This is a requirement that should be added to the EED and could be exploited to create mutually beneficial linkages with the EPBD.

Finally, EuroACE notes that a new standalone Emissions Trading System (ETS) for buildings is being proposed as part of the FF55 Package, along with a new element, the Climate Social Fund (CSF).

The CSF intends to create a ‘social safeguard’, especially for vulnerable consumers and for the energy poor that will be impacted by the increase in fuel

prices caused by the new ETS for buildings. Even though the CSF seems to earmark its funds to support the uptake of energy renovation of buildings, EuroACE believes that such instrument will only be effective if it is established and operational well before the start date of the new ETS in 2025.



- **To take a look at the Fit for 55 legislative proposals click [here](#)**
- **Info sheet on Buildings ‘Making our homes and buildings fit for a greener future’ [here](#)**

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