



THE CLIMATE GROUP



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An Open Letter to:

**Members of the European Council
European Council President Van Rompuy
European Commission President Barroso
European Parliament President Buzek**

As you prepare to attend the European Summit on 11 February and to discuss the EU's future economic development, our group, representing a unique and wide cross-section of businesses, professional organisations, NGOs and parliamentarians, urges you to have the benefits of energy efficiency at the forefront of your mind.

There is now abundant and compelling evidence that immediate efforts to significantly improve energy efficiency would rapidly create hundreds of thousands of high quality, long-lasting, non-transferrable and European-based jobs. Greater energy efficiency should lessen future energy price volatility and thus prevent undue stress to EU businesses. Companies selling energy efficiency products and services would develop competitive advantage both on the European and the worldwide stage in the race to exploit the opportunities of the inevitable smart green economy of the twenty-first century. Additionally, energy efficiency investments can significantly improve health and standard of life through better air quality as well as reduced energy bills and fuel poverty.

However, these results will not be achieved without a clear commitment and focus from the highest levels of EU policy-making, which must recognise the centrality of this issue to strategic economic development over the next ten years. We therefore call on you to place a much greater emphasis on energy efficiency and make it the first order priority for the EU's economic recovery and new 'EU2020' strategy.

Yours sincerely,

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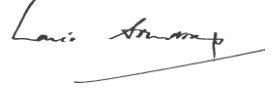
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- **ACE (Architects' Council of Europe)** is an organisation that represents the interests of about 480.000 Architects in Europe through its Member organisations, which are the professional representative and regulatory bodies of all EU Member States, most of the Accession States, Switzerland and Norway. Website: www.ace-cae.eu
- **BPIE (Building Performance Institute Europe)** (in incorporation) acts both as a centre of expertise on all aspects of energy efficiency and energy performance in European buildings and as the European centre for a global Best Practice Network on energy efficiency in buildings. Website: www.bpie.eu
- **CAN Europe (Climate Action Network Europe)** is an umbrella organisation for 130 non-profit, non-governmental organisations across Europe, which unite to prevent dangerous climate change. CAN-Europe is recognized as an established civil society voice in EU policy and in the UN climate negotiations. Website: www.climnet.org
- **CECED (European Committee of Domestic Equipment Manufacturers)** promotes the industry's mission to increase the performance while reducing the environmental impact of the appliances. Website: www.ceced.org
- **CECODHAS (The European Liaison Committee for Social Housing)** is the European Committee for social and cooperatives housing, a network of national and regional social housing federations. Website: www.cecodhas.org
- **ClientEarth** is an organisation of activist lawyers committed to securing a healthy planet and bringing together law, science and policy to create pragmatic solutions to key environmental challenges. Website: www.clientearth.org
- **COGEN Europe** is the European association for the promotion of cogeneration. It represents the interests of the cogeneration industry, users of the technology and promoting its benefits in the EU and the wider Europe. Website: www.cogeneurope.eu
- **ECEEE (European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy)** is a non-profit, membership-based European NGO. The goal of ECEEE is to stimulate energy efficiency through information exchange and co-operation. Website: www.eceee.org
- **ECF (European Climate Foundation)** is a philanthropic organization that aims to promote climate and energy policies that reduce Europe's greenhouse gas emissions and help Europe play an even stronger international leadership role in mitigating climate change. Website: www.europeandclimate.org
- **EEB (The European Environmental Bureau)** is the largest federation of environmental citizens' organisations in Europe with over 150 member organisations. Its aim is to protect and improve the environment of Europe and to enable the citizens of Europe to play their part in achieving that goal. Website www.eeb.org
- **EU CLG (The EU Corporate Leaders' Group on Climate Change)** brings together business leaders from a cross-section of EU and international business who believe there is an urgent need to develop new and longer-term policies for tackling climate change. The Group has been brought together by the Prince of Wales and is managed by the University of Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership. Website: www.cpi.cam.ac.uk/our_work/climate_leaders_groups/clgcc/eu_clg.aspx
- **EuroACE (The European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings)** represents Europe's leading companies involved with the manufacture, distribution and installation of energy savings goods and services for buildings. Its mission is to help Europe move towards a more sustainable pattern of energy use in buildings. Website: www.euroace.org
- **Eurima (European Insulation Manufacturers Association)** represents the interests of all major mineral wool producers throughout Europe. Its mission is to create a favourable business environment for mineral wool insulation, by promoting the common interests of this industry and working for positive regulations and standards. Website: <http://www.eurima.org>
- **Glass for Europe** is the trade association for Europe's manufacturers of flat glass. It aims to enhance broader understanding among policy-makers of what flat glass is and to underline the critical and unique role its products play in reducing energy consumption. Website: www.glassforeurope.com
- **PU-Europe** is the European association representing the polyurethane insulation industry. Polyurethane insulation helps to save energy in a wide variety of applications in buildings, district heating, cooling and refrigeration, and industrial systems. Website: www.pu-europe.eu
- **RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors)** is the largest organisation for professionals in the field of property, land, construction and related environmental issues worldwide, providing independent and impartial advice to governments and global organisations. Website: www.rics.org/eu
- **The Climate Group** is an independent, not-for-profit organisation, working internationally with government and business leaders to advance smart policies and technologies to cut global emissions and accelerate a low carbon economy. Website: www.theclimategroup.org
- **WWF's** mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature. The WWF European Policy Office contributes to the achievement of WWF's mission by helping shape European policies impacting on the European and global environment. Website: www.panda.org/eu