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Energy Union Report Confirms: Key role of building efficiency, insulation and a 40% binding energy efficiency target!

Today 15 December 2015 the European Parliament adopted its Energy Union Report. In addition to the renewed call for 40% binding energy efficiency target- the final report recognises the role of energy efficient buildings and insulation to achieve our long term low energy - low carbon goals.

This afternoon the European Parliament adopted its report “*Towards a European Energy Union*” with 697 votes: 403 for, 177 against and 117 abstentions led by MEP Marek Józef Gróbarczyk (ECR, PL).

“After reaching a historic moment at COP21 last Saturday and agreeing on a universal climate agreement, I am delighted to see the Parliament renew its commitment for energy savings, in particular through building renovation and use of insulation and building design” Said Jan te Bos, Director General.

The confirmation for a post-2020 EU 40% energy efficiency target to be binding and implemented through individual national targets and for the Commission to develop various 2030 energy efficiency scenarios are essential steps to meet our Energy Union objectives.

Carving out the pathway to meeting our energy efficiency targets is also clear, the report specifically calls for grasping the energy efficiency potential of buildings not least to redirect this money to internal investments which would stimulate growth and create high-quality, high-skilled local jobs but clearly because buildings have the crucial effect of reducing EU energy imports from third countries.

“At a time when our economies engage in the energy transition - the energy renovation of our buildings not only makes good business sense, but it is also the most cost-effective way to a low carbon - low energy future.” Commented Pascal Eveillard, President of Eurima.

It is now time for the European Commission to take its cue from COP21 and today’s Energy Union report, and ensure that the reviews of the EPBD and EED are ambitious and tackle Europe’s greatest energy waster - buildings - through ambitious and targeted policy measures for renovation.

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