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European Parliament, ITRE committee gives green light to 40% binding energy efficiency target

Brussels 28 November - European Parliament's Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committee for the 5th time across two legislatures voted in favour of a binding 40% Energy Efficiency target for the period 2021-2030, together with the continuation of the most important end-use mechanism Art 7 (Energy Efficiency Obligation Schemes)- A crucial step towards Europe's leadership on COP21 has once again been confirmed, following the Plenary vote a united Parliament triologue team is needed to keep uphold such leadership.

The ITRE committee adopted this morning its report on the Energy Efficiency Directive with 33 in favour, 30 against and 2 abstentions. This vote includes the adoption of two key compromise amendments (CA), namely, CA1 (on a 40% binding energy efficiency target for 2030) and CA4 (on Art 7 at least 1.5% annual end use savings per year until 2030).

"Today's positive outcome in ITRE is illustrative of the fact that 76% of our efforts towards COP21 must come from energy efficiency, and that Members of the Parliament are willing and ready to take on leadership, by setting ambitious goals and ensuring the continuity of key policy drivers such as Art 7, which is key for the market transformation towards a more efficient and sustainable EU building stock, and exemplary role of public buildings". Jan te Bos, Director General of Eurima.

Energy Efficiency First, by tapping into the savings in the buildings sector is the only cost effective way to bridge the gap between reality and the COP21 objectives. In this regard the outcomes of the EPBD and EED show that the Parliament ITRE committee is ready to send a strong signal to the building renovation market, recognising the multiple benefits hereby connected.

"The energy efficiency industry, including mineral wool manufacturers, warmly welcome the result of the vote" added Pascal Eveillard, President of Eurima; "A stronger Art. 7, with long-term perspective, means certainty for energy renovation investments, jobs and lower energy bills for consumers. This financial stream is crucial to support clear long term renovation strategies and the genuine transformation of our buildings into low energy, hence smart and resilient assets for the energy transition".

It's time to show climate leadership both in the EU towards our global partners, Eurima therefore urges the tripartite negotiators to take a united front, and to ultimately agree on a revised legal framework for 2030 on energy efficiency which his fully aligned with our Paris climate commitment.

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Background Information

Eurima

Eurima is the European Insulation Manufacturers Association, representing the interests of all major mineral wool insulation producers throughout Europe. Eurima members employ over 21,000 people across Europe with the installation of insulation products accounting for an estimated 300,000 man-years.

Eurima members manufacture mineral wool insulation products. These products are used in residential and commercial buildings as well as industrial facilities. Glass and stone wool insulation secure a high level of comfort, low energy costs and minimised CO₂ emissions. Mineral wool insulation prevents heat loss through roofs, walls, floors, pipes and boilers, reduces noise pollution and protects homes and industrial facilities from the risk of fire.

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