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European Parliament takes a united stance on higher ambition for Energy Efficiency and a robust EU Governance plan

Brussels 18 January 2018 - The European Parliament after lengthy negotiations demonstrated their support for an efficient and sustainable growth based economy that is backed by proper reporting and inclusive stakeholder involvement. The adopted proposals on Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and the EU Governance regulation - contain more ambitious goals than put forward by the EU Commission for the period 2020-2030. A compromise proposal of 35% EU wide binding target was adopted, and the most important delivery mechanism Article 7 (Energy Efficiency Obligation Schemes) was strengthened. This is not only crucial for investor certainty but also industry to further develop products and services in the evolving energy efficiency market. A strong and united Parliament position is essential to uphold this ambition towards Council during trilateral negotiations, which are yet to commence.

“With yesterday’s votes, ‘Energy Efficiency First’ now starts to become more than a slogan. When 76% of our efforts towards COP21 must come from energy efficiency, tapping into the savings resting in the buildings sector we are cost-effectively bridging the gap between reality and the COP21 objectives. In this respect, the outcomes of the EPBD, EED and EU Governance show that the Parliament is ready to send a strong signal to the Council”. Jan te Bos, Director General of Eurima.

One of the most important features of the EU Governance regulation is the establishing of credible trajectories for the roll-out of energy efficiency and renewables until 2030 and putting in place strong corrective measures in case of any delays or shortfalls (so-called ‘gap filler’) and establishing permanent climate and energy dialogue platform so that citizens, local authorities and all affected stakeholders have their say in the formulation of long-term strategies and national plans

“After the positive result on the EPBD, only a clear and compelling EU framework, supported by a solid EU Governance will provide the needed visibility for business and consumers.” Added Pascal Eveillard, President of Eurima; “Buildings hold a unique potential to meet our climate goals and improve citizens health and comfort - we cannot wait to deliver.

The ultimate legal framework on Energy Efficiency for the period 2020-2030 can only be one that is first fully aligned with our Paris climate agreement, secondly one that embraces a holistic vision for a highly efficient and sustainable buildings stock recognising the multiple benefits beyond energy.

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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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