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"Enlightened Parliament" shows the way for Energy Efficiency: will it be heard this time?

Eurima, the European Insulation Manufacturers' association, welcomes today's plenary outcome on the 2030 package as an enlightened and clear indication from elected representatives towards the right path for economic recovery and job creation: Energy Efficiency in general and building refurbishment in particular.

"Today's decision should be a confidence building measure for both European Commission services and Member States administrations that European citizens demand ambitious energy efficiency policy" said Jan te Bos, Eurima Director General "The EU governments and Commission services still have the opportunity to transform Climate & Energy policy into a direct incentive for competitiveness, employment and sustainable growth. They cannot ignore this message going forward".

Indeed, the European Commission Communication on the 2030 Package left a final decision on the policies to be applied in this area pending on the assessment and review of the Energy Efficiency Directive to be undertaken in July.

"By requesting a 40 % bottom-up energy efficiency target, together with a sectorial target for buildings, as an integral part of the Union's ambition to 2030, MEPs have sent a strong message to the Commission: the announced "new measures" on energy efficiency must come under a binding target, and must have building renovation at their core.

MEPs also ask for buildings energy use to be reduced on average by 80% in 2050 through the deep renovation of the building stock. This will require focus, commitment and planning, but the suggested approach combining a long term building target supported by intermediate steps would greatly facilitate this task.

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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 20,000 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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