

# Press Release

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## Insulation industry hails European Parliament vote on 2030 Climate & Energy targets

**The European Parliament's vote today in favour of a binding 2030 energy efficiency target and specific target for buildings has been hailed as a 'milestone for European jobs and economic recovery' by Eurima, the European Insulation Manufacturers Association.**

The report on EU Energy & Climate policies for 2030, which was adopted in a joint vote by the ITRE and ENVI Committees this morning, includes a call for the EU to set three overall binding targets (including a 2030 energy efficiency target of 40%). The report also calls for a sectorial energy efficiency target for buildings in order to reduce the energy consumption of the existing building stock by 80% -relative to 2010 levels- by 2050.

Commenting on the vote, Jan te Bos, Eurima Director-General, said "Citizens expect their leaders and elected representatives to provide clear solutions now to the various challenges Europe is facing. Energy Efficiency in buildings provides jobs, growth, improves the competitiveness of our industry and provides energy security and reasonable energy prices".

"In voting in favour of an ambitious EU climate and energy policy today the European Parliament reassured Europeans that they can agree on common solutions for economic recovery. Now it's time for the European Commission and EU Member States to follow suit".

In its report, the Parliament acknowledges that renovation of the existing housing stock represents an enormous cost-effective energy saving potential (evaluated at 61% by 2030), and stresses the need for substantially scaling up the current rate and quality of building renovation. In order to make the needed transformation possible and to bring the entire building stock to a nearly zero energy level of consumption by 2050, the Parliament asks this long-term goal to be accompanied by intermediate targets for 2020, 2030 and 2040.

"Today's vote clearly shows -concluded te Bos- that the 'no-regret options', such as Energy Efficiency, need to play a central role in the EU's climate and energy policies for coming decades. The single GHG target approach, favoured by some, would indeed be the 'deep regret option' that would hamper the very-much needed energy transition. The European Parliament has shown the way, and there is no reason not to follow it!"

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## Background Information

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### Eurima

Eurima is the European Association of Insulation Manufacturers and represents 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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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