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2016 must remain the year of delivery for a better Energy Union

Statement by the Coalition for Energy Savings in the wake of the Brexit referendum

The Coalition for Energy Savings strives to unite and build bridges between private, public, national and local interests, and promote common projects that deliver tangible benefits for people, business and their environment.

The transition toward an efficient, safe and sustainable energy system at the centre of the EU's Energy Union is such a common project and one in which Europe is showing considerable leadership.

Despite the uncertainty that now surrounds us, 2016 must remain the year of delivery of the Energy Union. Retaining and growing the ambition in the wake of the UK's recent referendum is the right response. Renovating leaky buildings, replacing wasteful equipment and technologies, updating production facilities and building an efficient and clean mobility system will always be in the interest of the people of Europe.

Over the last decade energy use has become increasingly efficient - cutting energy costs, creating jobs and growth, contributing to our security and reducing environmental harm. But Europe still remains far from fully mobilising its largest resource: the capacity of its people to engage and lead change, be it as investors, home owners or consumers.

As a community sharing common values and common interests, the EU should put in place the framework conditions - ambitious long-term targets and the regulatory framework - which will help Member States to unlock these capacities and direct EU's internal market forces for the benefit of its people.



The Coalition for Energy Savings (AISBL) strives to make energy efficiency and savings the first consideration of energy policies and the driving force towards a secure, sustainable and competitive European Union. Its membership unites businesses, professionals, local authorities, trade unions, consumer and civil society organisations in pursuit of this goal. The Coalition calls on the EU to commit itself to a 40% energy saving target by 2030, and to step up policies, measures and investments in order to stop energy waste and tap the considerable energy savings potentials.

Coalition members represent:

- more than 500 associations and 200 companies
- 15 million supporters and more than 2 million employees
- 2,500 cities and towns in 30 countries in Europe

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