

To: EU Energy Ministers

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**Your support for energy efficiency policies:  
Making the Energy Union work for citizens**

Dear Minister,

This year is the EU's year to shape its energy and climate future, while EU policies are increasingly scrutinised for their potential to bring direct and tangible benefits to citizens.

The 'Clean Energy for All Europeans' package you will be debating with your fellow Ministers at the 27 February Energy Council has made a good start by putting energy efficiency, which can deliver these benefits, at its centre, and by highlighting financing solutions to accompany Member States' transitions.

However, an impressive movement of businesses, environmental NGOs, consumer associations, and local authorities, which the Coalition for Energy Savings represents, notes that more could be done to strengthen economic performance and create jobs by driving additional investments into energy efficiency.

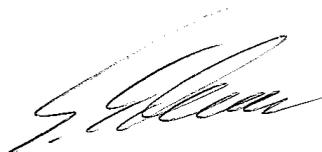
We call on you to provide a stable 2030 and 2050 outlook to burgeoning energy efficiency markets. Achieving this notably involves supporting an increase of the energy efficiency target to better reflect the cost-effective potential, which has been proven to be at 40% by 2030 – well above the Commission's proposals.

For every 1% extra energy savings by 2030, EU gas imports fall by 4%, employment increases by 336,000 jobs, greenhouse gas emissions decrease by 0.7%, and pollution and health damage costs could be reduced by up to €6 billion per year.

The EU and its Member States are not starting from scratch. With the adoption of the Energy Efficiency Directive in 2012, and the roll-out of its cornerstone Article 7, Member States have designed comprehensive strategies and innovative schemes adapted to national circumstances. They have encouraged the creation of local jobs and growth across sectors - buildings, industry, transport and services. The attached brochure describes some of this progress.

The revamp of energy legislation provides an opportunity for governments to build on the rich diversity of their strategies and policies and act convincingly on both immediate concerns such as employment, competitiveness and energy security, and longer-term challenges such as climate protection and future-proofing Europe's ageing infrastructure. In this context, we are looking forward to continue engaging with you on this very important matter.

Yours sincerely,



Stefan Scheuer, Secretary General



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

*Members of the Coalition are:*

*Architects' Council of Europe (ACE), BEUC (The European Consumer Organisation), CEE Bankwatch Network, ClientEarth, Climate Action Network Europe (CAN-Europe), Climate Alliance, COGEN Europe, E3G, Energy Cities, Euroheat & Power (EHP), European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings (EuroACE), European Alliance to Save Energy (EU-ASE), European Association for the Consumption-based Billing of Energy Costs (EVVE), European Association of Polyurethane Insulation Manufacturers (PU Europe), European Climate Foundation, European Committee of Domestic Equipment Manufacturers (CECED), European Copper Institute, European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (eceee), European Environmental Bureau (EEB), European Federation of Intelligent Energy Efficiency Services (EFIEES), European Federation of Building and Woodworkers (EFBWW), European Insulation Manufacturers Association (Eurima), European Federation of Public, Cooperative & Social Housing (Housing Europe), European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE), Friends of the Earth Europe, Glass for Europe, Lighting Europe, Transport & Environment (T&E) and WWF, as well as advisory members Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) and Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP).*