

To: Permanent Representations to the European Union,  
Energy Attachés

Brussels, 5 April 2017

**Energy Efficiency Directive:  
Presidency proposal weakens outlook for efficiency products and services**

Dear Energy Attaché,

Ahead of your discussions on 7<sup>th</sup> April on the Energy Efficiency Directive, I would like to share our deep concerns about the Presidency compromise proposal dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

Article 7 is the cornerstone of the Directive. It ensures a regular uptake of energy efficiency measures across all Member States. It also provides an outlook to the markets for energy efficiency products and services, a business sector which has a large potential to create significant economic and employment opportunities.

The compromise proposal from the Presidency would however reduce the delivery of the Article, with a minimised objective (from 1.5% to 1.4%), and suggest that the Article will stop in 2030, which would not be aligned with longer-term climate and energy imperatives.

The Coalition for Energy Savings calls on the Council to provide a 2050 perspective for Article 7, and to strengthen the Commission's proposals in order to accelerate the delivery of the Article.

Markets need long-term and strong signals to ensure that energy efficiency will bring significant benefits for people, the economy and the environment. This will not be achieved by watering down Article 7. A binding EU level energy efficiency target for 2030 is also needed to give a message that Member States are serious about delivering these benefits.

More recommendations can be found in our [position paper](#). Please do not hesitate to come back to us, should you have questions about our views, which are carried by a wide movement of businesses, professionals, local authorities, trade unions, consumer and civil society.

Yours Sincerely,

Marion Santini

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 (ecee), 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).*