

To: EU Energy Ministers

Brussels, 11 May 2017

**Informal Meeting of Energy Ministers:  
EU leadership in energy efficiency policies at stake**

Dear Energy Minister,

The Informal Meeting of Energy Ministers in Malta on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May will be an important opportunity to discuss with your colleagues the ambition of energy efficiency policies post-2020 and set the scene for a Clean Energy Package which delivers benefits for the economy, people and the environment.

Therefore, I write to you on behalf of the Coalition for Energy Savings to draw your attention to the growing discrepancy between the expectations of energy efficiency stakeholders, businesses, environmental NGOs, consumer associations, and local authorities, and the ambition proposed by the Presidency, in particular the lowering of the annual savings requirement and the post 2020 outlook for energy efficiency markets.

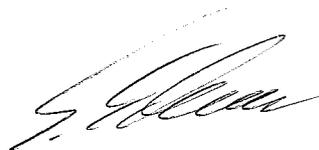
We understand that some delegations have flagged implementation challenges as a reason for lowering ambition. However, it is wrong to consider that any Member State is starting from scratch. With the adoption of the Energy Efficiency Directive in 2012, Member States have designed comprehensive strategies and innovative schemes adapted to national circumstances. The majority of the Member States reported a successful delivery of the 1.5% annual savings requirement by their efficiency policy measures. These have already led to the creation of local jobs and growth across many sectors.

Joined by a significant number of Member States, we believe that more is needed to strengthen economic performance and create jobs. It is not the time to slow down the speed at which our infrastructure is transformed and upgraded. It would send a negative signal and put at risk the achievements so far, including the jobs created and the savings realised over energy bills.

Therefore, the Coalition for Energy Savings calls on you to carefully review the benefits of higher ambition in the energy efficiency files under discussion, and reject any lowering of ambition, including the proposed reduction of the annual savings requirement to 1.4% in Article 7 of the Energy Efficiency Directive.

The right, high level of ambition in energy efficiency policies can significantly address immediate political concerns such as employment, competitiveness and energy security, whilst building a bulwark against longer-term challenges such as climate change.

Yours sincerely,



Stefan Scheuer, Secretary General

Annex: BRIEFING for Energy Ministers in view of Informal Energy Council



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, ECOS (The European Environmental Citizens Organisation for Standardisation), 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, LightingEurope, REScoop, Transport & Environment (T&E) and WWF, as well as advisory members Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) and Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP).*