

# Press Release

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## Parliament lead committee reaffirms support for ambitious energy efficiency policies

### Strong signal for an attractive and European Energy Union

*Brussels, 28 November 2017 - The Coalition for Energy Savings welcomes the vote from the European Parliament's Industry, Research and Energy committee in favour of a continuation and reinforcement of the Energy Efficiency Directive after 2020, but regrets that attempts were made to completely stop these policies after 2020.*

This morning, the European Parliament's ITRE committee adopted its report on the revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive. MEPs approved a binding 40% target for 2030, a level which corresponds to the sector by sector cost-effective potential as presented in the Commission's impact assessment. The report maintains the annual energy savings requirement outlined in the Directive's Article 7 at 1.5% per year and the flexibility for Member States to deploy the tools of their choice, but addresses the loopholes which have so far hampered the full achievement of this annual target.

MEPs were provided with two sets of compromise amendments to choose from, as the EPP, ECR and ENF groups had co-signed alternative amendments which would have made the energy efficiency target indicative and Article 7, which delivers half of the required savings, an empty shell.

"Once again, the Parliament ITRE committee has voted in favor of accelerating the delivery of energy efficiency policies. We however regret that attempts were made to completely stop these policies after 2020, regardless of people and businesses' interest", said Stefan Scheuer, Secretary General of the Coalition for Energy Savings. "Energy efficiency policies have been the bedrock of the EU's common energy policy, and a major tool to address environmental, competitiveness, social and geopolitical challenges. MEPs across the political spectrum who acknowledge these benefits should overcome their divisions and agree on a solid common energy efficiency policy post 2020 in view of the negotiations with the Council."

The file will now move to the plenary of the European Parliament, before the start of negotiations with Council under the Bulgarian presidency. The Coalition for Energy Savings, which gathers 30 European business, civil society, cooperatives, consumer, professional, trade union and local government organisations, urges MEPs to accelerate the delivery of energy efficiency policies after 2020.

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## Notes for editors

- More information and suggestions on how to strengthen Article 7 can be found in the Coalition's [position paper](#) on the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package.
- According to research findings presented in the impact assessment for the EED revision proposal, the EU could achieve a 40% energy efficiency target by 2030 cost-effectively (Fraunhofer ISI, PWC and TU Wien, 2014, data used in European Commission, 2016, Impact assessment accompanying the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2012/27/EU on Energy Efficiency, p.17).

The Coalition for Energy Savings 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, cooperatives, 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, 200 companies, 1,240 cooperatives
- 15 million supporters, more than 2 million employees and 650,000 members of cooperatives
- 2,500 cities and towns in 30 countries in Europe