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Energy Union Governance: MEPs want certainty for energy transition

Coalition for Energy Savings welcomes committee report on Energy Union Governance

Brussels, 7 December 2017 – The Coalition for Energy Savings welcomes the vote from the European Parliament’s Industry and Environment committees on the Energy Union Governance regulation and congratulates the co-rapporteurs, Michèle Rivasi and Claude Turmes, for improving the predictability for energy efficiency markets.

This morning, the European Parliament’s ITRE and ENVI committees adopted their report on the Energy Union Governance Regulation. MEPs voted in favour of an improved enforcement mechanism for energy efficiency targets and a better alignment between these targets and a long-term objective for a highly efficient energy system latest by 2050. It also includes a definition of the energy efficiency first principle and a requirement for Member States to consider energy efficiency potentials when making decisions impacting their energy system.

“With today’s vote MEPs urge the European Commission and Member States to better integrate energy efficiency in their planning, in view of achieving a highly efficient energy system”, said Stefan Scheuer, Secretary General of the Coalition for Energy Savings, which gathers 30 European business, civil society, cooperatives, consumer, professional, trade union and local government organisations. “Improved target enforcement together with binding national energy efficiency targets in the Energy Efficiency Directive is what is needed to mobilise private investments in Europe for more security, more jobs and more climate protection”.

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Notes for editors

- More information about our position and suggestions can be found in the Coalition’s [position paper](#) on the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package.

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