

## Press Release

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### ***AccelerateEU leverages energy efficiency to achieve EU energy independence***

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The European Commission unveiled today its response to the ongoing energy crisis, the **AccelerateEU** plan. It provides Member States with suggestions of actions to protect consumers from price shocks in the short term and to make the EU energy system more resilient and secure in the long run. Positively, energy efficiency is recognised as an enabler for energy independence.

The AccelerateEU plan puts a strong emphasis on fast-tracking actions and solutions that make the EU less reliant on fossil fuel imports. Following up on the [statement](#) of the European Commission's President on 13 April announcing that the initiative will include actions to reduce energy demand, the AccelerateEU plan proposes several actions on energy efficiency:

- The publication of a **catalogue of replicable measures to achieve energy savings and system efficiency gains** to be presented at the informal meeting of EU Energy Ministers on the 13 May. It will be based on successful measures adopted since 2022 with proven track record of delivery.
- Support for Member States to **use and reallocate existing funds**, such as from cohesion policy, towards energy-related investments, including to scale up existing measures **to cut energy consumption** and to reinforce existing rules to **tackle energy poverty**.
- Joint work between the Commission and the European Energy Efficiency Financing Coalition to develop **financial products for clean heating and renovation**, and for new energy service business models to **support SMEs** with the **roll out of energy efficiency and electrification solutions**.

Arianna Vitali Roscini, Secretary-General of the Coalition for Energy Savings said:

***"Energy efficiency measures are both essential to cut fossil fuel imports rapidly and with long-lasting effects. AccelerateEU must lead to dedicated actions that further empower citizens to adopt energy efficiency solutions, protecting them from present and future supply shocks, otherwise it will be a missed opportunity."***

Note for editors:

[The Coalition for Energy Savings](#) is a European non-for profit association striving to make energy efficiency and energy savings the first consideration of energy policies. It unites businesses, local authorities, energy agencies, energy communities and civil society organisations in pursuit of this goal.

Useful documentation:

- The Coalition for Energy Savings' suggestions for the AccelerateEU plan can be found [here](#).
- The Coalition for Energy Savings' report "Energy Efficiency Delivers: Turning Policy Into Impact" can be found [here](#).

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