EPEE calls for an ambitious 2030 energy efficiency target to drive competitiveness, sustainability and energy security

Press Statement

The European Partnership for Energy Environment (EPEE) welcomes the fact that yesterday’s European Council has agreed to take action to ensure a post-2020 framework for energy efficiency but regrets the low level of leadership and ambition shown by Member States in opting for a 27% energy efficiency target. EPEE fears that such a minimum common denominator will not be enough to spur effective measures and drive investments in energy efficient technologies.

EPEE therefore calls on the EU institutions to reaffirm EU leadership on energy efficiency and adopt a more ambitious legally binding target, necessary to ensure effective results in the Member States as well as to promote a sustainable economy and the creation of local jobs.

Energy efficiency can help Europe become independent, energy-secure and competitive, particularly given the tremendous potential of certain sectors, such as the building sector in terms of energy efficiency. This potential should not remain untapped.

EPEE believes that Member states should focus on adopting and implementing effective measures at local and national level to ensure energy efficiency is promoted and delivered on the ground.

About EPEE

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The European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE) represents the refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat pump industry in Europe. Founded in the year 2000, EPEE’s membership is composed of 40 member companies, national and international associations.

EPEE member companies realize a turnover of over 30 billion Euros, employ more than 200,000 people in Europe and also create indirect employment through a vast network of small and medium-sized enterprises such as contractors who install, service and maintain equipment.

EPEE member companies have manufacturing sites and research and development facilities across the EU, which innovate for the global market.

As an expert association, EPEE is supporting safe, environmentally and economically viable technologies with the objective of promoting a better understanding of the sector in the EU and contributing to the development of effective European policies. Please see our website (www.epeeglobal.org) for further information.
EPEE is also a member of the **Coalition for Energy Savings**, which bring together European business, professional, local authorities, trade unions and civil society organisations to promote and mainstream energy efficiency at the European level, and ensure it is a political priority.

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