



EPEE welcomes Parliament's strong push for more energy efficient buildings

Brussels, 24 April 2009: Yesterday, the European Parliament supported an ambitious revision of the law on energy performance of buildings. This revised law has a real impact on building design and consumer awareness of efficiency of buildings and pushes for more uniformed rules across the EU so that real comparisons can be made.

[EPEE, the voice of the heating, cooling and refrigeration industry in Europe](#), welcomes the strong stance taken by the Parliament which is critical for the environment considering buildings account for 40% of EU energy consumption.

The introduction of a common calculation and assessment methodology for the energy performance of buildings should make it easier to calculate the performance of different buildings in different climatic zones.

The Parliament also makes a strong case for increased use of efficient renewable technologies, like heat pumps. This will also be a powerful contributor towards the European renewable energy use targets of 20% by 2020.

Friedrich Busch, Director General of EPEE, commented *“This vote by the European Parliament is a clear indication of the political willingness in the EU to achieve its efficiency targets and increased use of renewable technologies such as heat pumps. We hope that national governments will follow the lead set by the European Parliament”*.

It is hoped that the revised law will be finalised by the end of the year.

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