

PRESS RELEASE

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“Clean Energy for All Europeans” Package - Moving forward but more ambition still needed for efficient energy transition

On 19 December, EU institutions found an agreement on the revised Energy Performance of Buildings directive. Although EHPA regrets that the inspections scheme for heating and air conditioning systems has been considerably weakened, the inclusion of the requirement to establish long-term renovation strategies and the goal of having a highly energy efficient and decarbonised building stock by 2050 are well in line with the Decarb Heat initiative promoted by EHPA and other renewable energy industry associations (www.decarbheat.eu). These long-term perspectives should favour the deployment of 2050-ready technologies, which are already available on the market today.

The day before, the Council adopted its General Approach on four key legislative files part of the package: the Renewable Energy Directive, the Regulation of the Governance of the Energy Union and the Regulation and Directive on the Internal Electricity Market. The compromises reached unfortunately reveal a lack of ambition from Member States that risks jeopardising EU’s overall objectives and the attainment of the Paris Agreement’s goals. More work will be needed in the trilogues that will take place in 2018 to move the Council’s position towards a successful completion of the energy transition, where highly-efficient and renewable heating & cooling plays a key role.

Thomas Nowak, EHPA Secretary General, stated: “Recent negotiations reveal a split picture. While there is a general agreement to move towards a decarbonised building stock by 2050, only the Parliament and the Commission seem to understand that a correlated level of ambition is required in all the legislative files. The heating industry is already engaged in the path of transition (www.decarbheat.eu) and ready to deliver.”

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Note to the editor

The Brussels based European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) represents the majority of the European heat pump industry. It has currently 119 members from all parts of the industry's value chain: heat pump and component manufacturers, research institutes, universities, testing labs and energy agencies. Its key goal is to promote awareness and proper deployment of heat pump

technology in the European market place for residential, commercial and industrial application. EHPA coordinates the European Quality label for heat pumps and the EUCERT education and training scheme for heat pump installers. It compiles the annual sales statistics and market outlook. For more information, please visit: www.ehpa.org.

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