

## **PRESS RELEASE**



### **Energy Roadmap 2050: Time to turn up the heat**

**Brussels, 13 July 2012 – Yesterday, the European Parliament’s ITRE committee started the discussion on the own initiative report on the Energy Roadmap 2050, drafted by MEP Niki Tzavela (EFD). MEPs did back energy efficiency, energy infrastructure and the use of renewables as “no-regrets options”, but the report still fails to unleash the great potential of the heating and cooling sector.**

The Commission Communication on the Energy Roadmap 2050 explores several ways in which to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80-95% by 2050. Yesterday, several MEPs welcomed the so-called “no-regrets options” of the document, which see energy efficiency, energy infrastructure and the use of renewables as core factors in any current or future energy policy.

Whilst the draft report does acknowledge the need for further research in heating and cooling, however, this important sector – which accounts for some 43% of the overall energy demand in the EU – is still largely out of focus. EHPA thus fully backs MEP Romana Jordan (EPP), opinion leader of the ENVI committee on this dossier, on her point that the heating and cooling sector needs to be more integrated in the further development of the report.

“Heating and cooling account for the single largest energy demand in Europe. Thus, logically, heating and cooling should be at the very top of the list of sectors to be addressed in a long-term energy strategy. Let’s make the necessary preparations in strategy and policy now”, says Thomas Nowak, Secretary General at EHPA.

Ms. Tzavela has now asked all shadow rapporteurs to co-sign her proposed amendments. In the meantime, ITRE Committee members have time until mid September to table their amendments to the report.

To help MEPs address heating and cooling in the way it deserves, EHPA has joined forces with ten other associations to put forward a set of joint amendments. These draw attention to the importance of renewable heating and cooling in Europe’s way to decarbonisation by 2050 by combining the use of renewables and energy efficiency.

*The joint proposal can be downloaded [here](#).*

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#### **Note to the editor**

The Brussels based European Heat Pump Association EEIG (EHPA) represents the majority of the European heat pump industry. It has currently 97 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](http://www.ehpa.org).

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