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Heating & Cooling Strategy: Parliament demands action to reduce energy use in buildings

[Background Information]

On 13th September, the European Parliament Plenary approved an own-initiative report on the Heating & Cooling Strategy (GIEREK Report), calling on the European Commission to focus action on reducing energy use in buildings, especially with regard to the upcoming review of energy efficiency legislation in October.

“We welcome the strong position from the European Parliament just a few weeks ahead of the legislative proposals on energy efficiency, stating that **reducing the energy demand in buildings is a pivotal part of this Heating & Cooling Strategy**”, stated Alix CHAMBRIS, President of EuroACE. Industry needs a clear signal, i.e. that energy renovations of buildings are **an EU priority**. Energy renovation is a true engine for local jobs and growth, especially in SMEs, that will **ensure that the EU keeps a strong industrial base** in the next decades.

Members of the European Parliament strongly supported the need to **focus action on the existing building stock**, in order to create positive effects on the European economy, with the **creation of high-quality local jobs**. “We are glad to see that the European Parliament called once again on the Commission and Member States to **work together in order for our building stock to become highly energy efficient (nZEB level) by 2050**, especially by adopting a **holistic view on the energy renovation of buildings**”, said Adrian JOYCE, EuroACE Secretary General.

EuroACE now calls on the European Commission to take this strong position on energy efficiency in buildings and building renovation into account, when publishing its proposals for the review of energy efficiency legislation. **Industry and investors are ready to further innovate and offer energy efficient solutions to citizens**, in order to improve their comfort and decrease their energy bills. **A strong political signal is needed to underpin and accelerate investments in the right direction.**

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About EuroACE

EuroACE represents Europe's leading companies involved with the manufacture, distribution and installation of energy saving goods and services for buildings. EuroACE members employ over 280 000 people in these activities in Europe, and have around 900 production facilities and office locations. The mission of EuroACE is to work together with the EU institutions to help Europe move towards a more efficient use of energy in buildings, thereby contributing to Europe's commitments on climate change, energy security and economic growth.

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