

PRESS RELEASE

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Better Regulation: Better Buildings lead to Better Results

The Commission Communication on *Better Regulation for Better Results* can and should be used as an opportunity to create a stable and long-term EU policy framework for ambitious energy efficiency in buildings, both new and existing. Building efficiency renovations lead to a better economy in so many ways – more local jobs, cost savings, increased energy security, lower emissions, better indoor climate, lower fuel poverty – that it has to be a policy area driven by ambitious EU legislation! The current low ambition in new targets and lack of implementation and enforcement of existing rules equals bad governance of our common building stock.

Increased transparency and strengthened use of impact assessment which are evidence based should be used by the Commission to ensure that EU buildings policy will set ambitious minimum energy performance requirements that Member States are obliged to implement and the Commission should follow through by facilitating the Member States in the steps needed to transform EU rules into national law.

“This communication on better regulation offers a chance for renewed and improved effort in the legislative field” said Adrian Joyce, Secretary General of EuroACE *“and it is an opportunity to create an ambitious and effective legislative framework within which the energy efficiency in buildings sector can flourish. I would go further and say that the buildings sector offers Member States a golden opportunity to boost their economies and create thousands of local jobs by developing ambitious policy frameworks for renovation, and thus naturally going beyond the current sparse and rather limited EU legislative requirements in this field.”*

Indeed, many studies have shown that effective action on energy efficiency in buildings will boost jobs and growth and that a coherent, well designed policy framework is needed for the sector to grow. This is particularly the case for existing buildings that are currently highly wasteful of the energy supplied to them due to their poor energy performance.

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