

2nd State of the Energy Union Warning for complacency on building efficiency!

On Wednesday 1st February, the European Commission published its 2nd State of the Energy Union Communication, after a first overview in November 2015. **A progress report on the achievement of the 2020 energy efficiency target** was included. In that report, the Commission states that *“if Member States’ efforts continue, the EU is on track to reach its 2020 energy efficiency targets”*, thus making 2017 the **‘Year of Implementation’**. The State of the Energy Union Communication rightly points out that action on the **renovation of buildings** should now be the priority, and rightly identifies **access to finance** as one of the most pressing challenges.

EuroACE agrees with the Commission recommendations, recalling that **energy efficiency, especially in buildings, is a huge opportunity for both individual well-being and economic long-term benefit**. To make it happen, industry calls on the European Parliament and the Council to go further than the Commission proposal on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), published last November, as it only makes limited improvements to the Directive. EuroACE calls on the co-legislators to **adopt a clearer and stronger 2050 perspective**. It is energy renovation that delivers **highly energy efficient buildings**, which is the cornerstone for the **decarbonisation of the building stock** and an essential enabler for the transformation of our energy system.

Finally, EuroACE wishes that the **Energy Union Tour, starting today**, becomes a major success in **engaging Member States with the priorities** identified in the report, and bringing the Energy Union closer to European citizens.

The Progress Report on Energy Efficiency is available [here](#).
The 2nd State of the Energy Union is available [here](#).

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