

Press Release

Energy efficiency package: Delivery is overdue

European Commission's delay in presenting the energy efficiency package sends the wrong signal for the delivery of an Energy Union which works for citizens.

Brussels, 30 September 2016 – Despite a strong backing from industry, environmental, consumer and local authorities, the European Commission appears hesitant to launch its energy efficiency package, although it is understood that its main elements are ready.

Officials from the European Commission announced yesterday that the energy efficiency package, which will include notably provisions on 2030 ambition, on extending the main elements of the energy efficiency directive beyond 2020, and on the buildings' energy performance and financing, would not be launched before the end of the year.

"This delay undermines the credibility of the European Commission to drive forward the EU with big and compelling projects like energy efficiency, which delivers benefits for people and business and which is the EU's first action to fight climate change", said Stefan Scheuer, Secretary General of The Coalition for Energy Savings. "President Juncker must not hesitate to deliver on his promise to propose a more ambitious and binding energy efficiency target for 2030", he added.

The European Parliament has repeatedly demonstrated its support for ambitious energy efficiency policies and called for a binding 40% target in line with the EU cost-effective energy savings potential. Renovating leaky buildings, replacing wasteful equipment and technologies, updating production facilities and building an efficient and clean mobility system will always be in the interest of the people of Europe.

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The Coalition for Energy Savings (AISBL) strives to make energy efficiency and savings the first consideration of energy policies and the driving force towards a secure, sustainable and competitive European Union. Its membership unites businesses, professionals, local authorities, trade unions, consumer and civil society organisations in pursuit of this goal. The Coalition calls on the EU to commit itself to a 40% energy saving target by 2030, and to step up policies, measures and investments in order to stop energy waste and tap the considerable energy savings potentials.

Coalition members represent:

- more than 500 associations and 200 companies
- 15 million supporters and more than 2 million employees
- 2,500 cities and towns in 30 countries in Europe