

Brussels, 28 October 2011

Philip Lowe, Director-General, DG Energy

Dear Mr Lowe,

Energy Roadmap 2050 must be aligned with EU's energy efficiency objectives

The Commission has been so far a strong supporter of energy efficiency policies in order to secure the 20% energy savings target as agreed in 2007 and reconfirmed in the Europe 2020 strategy.

The Coalition for Energy Savings is urging you to ensure that the Commission maintains this support in the Energy Roadmap 2050.

From what we have seen the Roadmap would not include the 20% target achievement in any of its scenarios. This would be a U-turn.

It would undermine the Commission's efforts in moving forward the proposal for an Energy Efficiency Directive. It would contradict the two-step approach to target-setting, according to which continued projected failure to reach the 20% target would be addressed by the introduction of legally binding national targets. It would also pose serious questions for Europe's 2020 strategy.

We know from many recent studies at EU and national level that achieving the 20% target is possible in a cost-effective way if additional regulatory efforts are made. The proposed Energy Efficiency Directive is presented by the Commission in this context. Its measures if further strengthened have the potential to close the current target gap.

The well known weakness of the PRIMES energy model, which is used to develop the Roadmap scenarios, in representing the impact of non-price signals, like incentive or target based policy measures, has to be clearly acknowledged. Therefore all three politically set 2020 targets should have been actively built in to the scenarios.

Further, it is incomprehensible that there is no scenario that considers high level of efficiency and renewable energy together. They are mutually supportive and an integral part of the EU climate and energy policy.

It is essential that the Roadmap builds on the achievement of all 2020 energy and climate targets.

We hope you will undertake to prevent damage to the credibility of the Commission to uphold European energy efficiency policy to the benefit of the people, environment and business.

Yours sincerely,



Stefan Scheuer
Secretary General

A copy of this letter has been sent to Marie Donnelly and Michael Koehler

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Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE)
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Climate Action Network – Europe (CAN-Europe)
The Climate Group
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The Coalition for Energy Savings brings together business, professional and civil society associations. The Coalition's purpose is to make the case for a European energy policy that places a much greater, more meaningful emphasis on energy efficiency and savings. In particular it is arguing for the current 20% energy efficiency target to be binding.