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Heat Coalition – Press Release

2030 climate and energy framework: the Parliament calls for heat strategy

Parliament's joint Environment (ENVI) and Energy (ITRE) Committee has recognised the importance of heating and cooling in today's vote on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies. Heating and cooling represent over 45% of the final energy consumption in the European Union compared to 20% for electricity, 26% transport and 9% for 'non-energy' use (IEA, 2011) yet they remain largely neglected by EU policies.

In its joint report, the ENVI-ITRE Committees call on:

- **“the EU to consider the full integration of the heating and cooling sector in the pathways towards a sustainable energy system”;**
- **“the Commission to gather the required data reflecting the sources and the uses of heating and cooling, as well as the distribution of heat to the different groups of final consumers (e.g. residential, industry, tertiary)”;**
- **“the Member States and the Commission to support readily available efficient heating and cooling solutions”.**

The Heat Coalition welcomes the outcome of today's vote which marks an important step towards an emergence of the European policy on heat. If the European Union is serious about meeting its climate and energy goals, the EU institutions now need to focus on developing legislation which would support and facilitate the development of efficient heating and cooling technologies.

Today, there are numerous solutions on the heat market which are capable of decarbonising the European heat demand in a cost-effective way, facilitating the deployment of renewable energy sources and boosting local economic development. Ahead of the final approval of this report in plenary scheduled in February, the Heat Coalition calls the Commission and Member States to already take Parliament's voice into account and develop a heat strategy for Europe to evaluate the development opportunities of the heating and cooling market.

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Heat Coalition is a platform regrouping 11 organisations with a stake in heating and cooling sector:

AEBIOM is the European Association representing the bioenergy sector in Europe. The main aim of AEBIOM is to develop the market for sustainable bioenergy such as bio heat, electricity from biomass and biofuels (including biogas).

Cecodhas Housing Europe is the Federation of social, cooperative and public housing, a network of national and regional social housing federations

CEWEP is the European umbrella association of Waste-to-Energy Plants. They thermally treat household and similar waste (not suitable for recycling) and transform it into energy, which is delivered to citizens and industry.

COGEN Europe is the European Association for the Promotion of Cogeneration. Its principal goal is to work towards the wider use of cogeneration in Europe for a sustainable energy future

EFIEES is the European Federation of Intelligent Energy Efficiency Services, represents private companies (Energy Efficiency Services Companies, EESCs) providing an overall energy management service to end-user.

EGEC is the European Geothermal Energy Council, an international non-profit association, whose aim is to promote the use of geothermal energy in Europe.

EHI, the Association of the European Heating Industry, represents and promotes the common interests of 40 market leading companies and 14 associations in the European thermal comfort sector, which produce advanced technologies for heating in buildings, including: space heaters (boilers, electric and fuel driven heat pumps, micro-cogeneration), heating controls and components, heat storage and heat emitters (radiators, surface heating and cooling systems), renewable energy systems (solar thermal, geothermal, biomass).

European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) represents stakeholders from all parts of the heat pump industries value chain in Europe. Its main target is the technologies proper recognition in European legislation and the dissemination of related information

Energy Cities is the European Association of local authorities inventing their energy future.

ESTIF is the European Solar Thermal Industry Federation representing the whole value chain of solar thermal from research and testing to manufacturers and service providers

Euroheat & Power is the international association representing the district heating and cooling (DHC) sector in Europe and beyond.