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Press Release

LightingEurope Supports Coalition for Energy Savings: “Ineffective 2030 energy efficiency goal: Commission drops the ball”

On July 23, 2014 the European Commission Vice-President Oettinger presented the Energy Efficiency Communication, which analyses the EU's progress towards its 2020 energy efficiency target and puts forward an energy efficiency framework for the following years up to 2030. The Communication proposes a 30% energy savings target to be included in the 2030 climate and energy framework but leaves the question of whether the target should be binding open.

"The outgoing Commission failed to produce a relevant vision for a 2030 energy-efficient Europe, despite the mandate provided by the European Council and the Parliament, and the support shown by the incoming Commission's President Juncker," said **Stefan Scheuer, Secretary General for the Coalition for Energy Savings**. "The weak 30% figure cannot drive policies and investments further and disregards the higher benefits of attaining Europe's 40% cost-effective potentials. The Commission dropped the ball, it is now up to Member States, the European Parliament and the new Commission to pick it up."

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More information

- European Commission press release:
http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-856_en.htm?locale=en
- Letter sent by the Coalition to Commissioners ahead of their meeting:
<http://energycoalition.eu/sites/default/files/20140716%20Coalition%20for%20Energy%20Savings%20-%20Letter%20to%20Commissioners%20-%20Barroso.pdf>
- Coalition for Energy Savings position paper
<http://energycoalition.eu/sites/default/files/20131011%20Coalition%20position%20on%202030.pdf>

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LightingEurope is an industry association of European lighting manufacturers, national associations, and companies producing materials. LightingEurope members represent over 1,000 European companies, a majority of which are SMEs; a total workforce of over 100,000 people in Europe; and an annual turnover estimated to exceed 20 billion euros. LightingEurope is dedicated to promoting efficient lighting practices for the benefit of the global environment, human comfort, and the health and safety of consumers.

LightingEurope is also a member of The Coalition for Energy Savings. For further information, please visit: www.energycoalition.eu

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