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ITRE vote on Renewable Energy Directive and Energy Efficiency Directive – Ambition before technicalities

The ITRE committee has voted this morning in favour of new and more ambitious Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Directives.

EHPA is satisfied with the increase of the targets for 2030, as compared to both EC proposals, and with the creation of a new specific sectoral target for renewable heating and cooling (art.23 REDII). EHPA also appreciates the trust shown by ITRE vis-à-vis the technical work of the EC, notably by supporting its realistic and reasonable proposal for a primary energy factor for electricity of 2.0 and by empowering the EC to decide on how renewable heating and cooling should be calculated in the future. It is unfortunate that this attitude was not followed for the definition of ‘ambient energy’, which appears in the revised version as very unclear and confusing.

Thomas Nowak said: *“Today’s ITRE vote is an important signal for more energy efficiency and renewables. This ambition level needs to be maintained in the upcoming negotiations to bring the EU up to the Paris commitments.”*

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Note to the editor

The Brussels based European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) represents the majority of the European heat-pump industry. It has currently 120 members from all parts of the industry's value chain: heat pump and component manufacturers, research institutes, universities, testing labs and energy agencies. Its key goal is to promote awareness and proper deployment of heat pump technology in the European market place for residential, commercial and industrial application. EHPA coordinates the European Quality label for heat pumps and the EUCERT education and training scheme for heat pump installers. It compiles the annual sales statistics and market outlook. For more information, please visit: www.ehpa.org.