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European Parliament stands strong on Energy Efficiency: Over 100 MEPs pledge to STOP Energy Waste in Buildings in their 2014-2019 mandate

The Renovate Europe Manifesto for the 2014 Elections has received over 100 signatures from sitting and candidate MEPs, who have pledged to **keep Energy Efficiency in Buildings high on the political agenda if re-elected in the next legislative term**. Among these signatures are MEPs from **19 different European countries**, from **all 5 main European political parties** as well as **5 EP Vice-Presidents**.

*“Having over 100 MEPs sign the Renovate Europe Manifesto, more precisely the pledge it contains, indicates that the **prospective incoming MEPs are keen for the EP to maintain its supportive role in favour of Energy Efficiency in Buildings**”, explained Adrian Joyce, RE Campaign Director. “The 2009-2014 EP demonstrated leadership on the issue by calling for a reduction of the energy demand of the EU’s buildings stock by 80% by 2050 in two of its reports (2030 Policy Framework for Climate and Energy and the 2050 Energy Roadmap). At a time when citizens are looking for **sustainable long-term solutions with tangible benefits for the economy**, I am pleased to see that the incoming EP will work to **STOP Energy Waste in Buildings**”.*

Reducing the energy demand of the EU building stock provides an affordable and long-term **solution to rising energy prices and energy dependence and has the potential to create millions of local, non-exportable jobs**, in addition to providing an economic boost to the depressed construction sector and SMEs across the EU.

The Renovate Europe Manifesto urges MEPs to undertake the following actions if elected for the next mandate:

- **Urge their National government to implement an ambitious national renovation strategy**
- **Hold the relevant commissioners and commission service to account on the importance of taking action for Buildings renovation.**
- **Establish continuous dialogue with and support for local authorities in their efforts to Renovate the EU building stock**
- **Recall that Energy Efficiency buildings renovation requires high prioritisation at political and legislative levels**
- **Help to disseminate success stories about ambitious Energy Renovations**

Renovate Europe held *3 Days of Actions* at the European Parliament in Brussels on 1st, 2nd and 3rd April, and is supported by National Partners in Member States also garnering support and raising awareness around the multiple benefits of Energy Efficiency in Buildings.

Buildings are responsible for about 40% of energy use (more than transport or industry) and about 36% of carbon emissions.

Find out which MEPs signed the Manifesto: www.renovate-europe.eu/manifesto



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About the Campaign:

The **Renovate Europe Campaign** (REC) is an initiative of the European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings (EuroACE). Its headline ambition is to reduce the energy demand of the EU building stock by 80% by 2050 as compared to 2005 levels. The REC is calling for ambitious renovation strategies to be drawn up all across the EU in order to triple the annual renovation rate of buildings in the EU from 1% to 3% by 2020 and to ensure that all renovations are deep or staged deep renovations.

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The Partner Companies and Associations of the Renovate Europe Campaign are:



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