

To the kind attention of Ms **Brigitte Zypries**
Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy

Brussels, 02 February 2018

Dear Minister Zypries,

RE: The Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) as opportunity for citizens and business.

We represent a group of cross-sectorial companies with factories and offices across the 28 Member States of the European Union and we are writing to you about the forthcoming EED trilogue negotiations.

The EED is central to the EU post-2020 energy framework and the success of the German and European Energiewende. It will lead to increased competitiveness, jobs creation and economic growth and will provide business with the much-needed certainty and predictability for energy efficiency related investments. Beyond the market growth and economic performance, the EED will benefit the environment, reduce GHG emissions, reinforce energy security, improve air quality and cut energy costs for households, which in turn will alleviate energy poverty.

We are concerned because two key elements of the EED are at stake i.e. the energy efficiency target by 2030 and the 1.5% annual energy saving target. Both these provisions are necessary to deliver the EU commitments made in the framework of the Energy Union and the Paris Agreement.

In this sense and ahead of the forthcoming trilogue negotiations we urge you to:

- support the binding nature of the EU energy efficiency target to strengthen investor confidence
- increase the level of ambition of the target to a cost-effective 40% by 2030, expressed both in primary and final energy terms
- extend the 1.5% annual energy savings obligations beyond 2020 (perspective 2050)
- avoid double counting and loopholes that would undermine the effectiveness of Art.7 and of the whole Directive
- include transport energy consumption in the baseline when calculating the savings.



So far, on this legislative dossier, Germany, together with France, has played a leading role in driving ambition in the Council. Thus, we are confident that under your leadership a progressive coalition of Member States can hopefully support a strong EED which, combined with a well-crafted Governance 2030 mechanism, is a win-win for a prosperous economic future of the entire European Union.

Yours sincerely,

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About the European Alliance to Save Energy



The European Alliance to Save Energy (EU-ASE) was established in December 2010 by some of Europe's leading multinational companies. The Alliance creates a platform from which our companies (1E, Danfoss, Ingersoll Rand, Kingspan, Knauf Insulation, Philips Lighting, Schneider Electric, Saint-Gobain, Siemens and Veolia) can join with politicians and thought leaders to ensure the voice of energy efficiency is heard from across the business and political community.

EU-ASE members have operations across the 28 Member States of the European Union, employ over 340.000 people in Europe and have an aggregated annual turnover of €115 billion.

About DENEFF



DENEFF was established in 2011. It unites more than 150 frontrunner companies in the field of energy efficiency to collectively represent their political interests for an effective and ambitious energy efficiency regulation in Germany.

DENEFF's objective is to accelerate the market development for energy efficiency products and services by aiming for the highest possible reduction of energy consumption, keeping the condition of neutrality of technology in regulatory and funding policies and creating a regulatory framework enhancing investment decisions.

