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## **European Alliance to Save Energy urges German EU Council presidency to straighten out its energy priorities and prioritize building renovations**

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Today the German Government unveiled its EU Council Presidency priorities without a clear reference to the building renovation. As businesses and investors having energy efficiency and energy demand reduction at the heart of our activities, we believe that the German government lost a great opportunity to prioritize a sector which, more than any other, can deliver both economic growth, local jobs creation and GHG emission reduction.

*“ We welcome the German government pledge to learn from the current crisis to be better prepared for the future and the focus on climate change and digitalization. At the same time we strongly encourage the inclusion of the construction sector and in particular the renovation of the European building stock among the Council presidency priorities” - said Monica Frassoni, President of the European Alliance to Save Energy (EU-ASE). “For every million invested in the renovation of our homes we can create an average of 18 jobs. All the economic stimulus measures across the world address buildings. The European Union is working on a flagship Renovation Wave initiative to trigger investments and accelerate the transformation of European society and economy towards climate neutrality. It is very difficult to find one single good reason that justifies the decision to exclude buildings from the presidency’s priorities. We have a lot of work to do to recover after the Covid-19; buildings must be at the centre of any rational energy, industrial and environmental strategy. With this in mind, we wish the German Government a successful presidency and look forward to constructive cooperation” - concluded Monica Frassoni.*