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**Brussels, 9th of February 2023: The European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE), representing the RACHP industry, welcomes the European Parliament’s ITRE Vote on the recast of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.**

**The outcome of the vote shows intentions towards decarbonisation of the building sector through the integration of renewable energy and reductions in energy consumption. However, the result leaves room for improvement and a stronger alignment with the ambitions of the European Green Deal.**

EPEE’s Director General, Russell Patten, recognizes the accomplishment of the ITRE Committee members and its Rapporteur Ciarán Cuffe MEP, but also reminded that “Today’s vote is only a first step towards a more energy efficient building stock in Europe. The subsequent trilogue negotiations must be conducted with more ambition to decarbonize heating and cooling and phase out fossil fuels”.

“Buildings are responsible for roughly 40% of greenhouse gases in Europe, which merits ambitious regulatory efforts. The vote shows several shortcomings and opens loopholes that could delay the integration of renewable energy in the building sector, Patten stated.

This vote sets the direction and tone ahead of the next steps of the negotiations both in the European Parliament and with the Member States in the upcoming Trilogues.

ABOUT EPEE:

The European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE) represents the refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat pump industry in Europe. Founded in the year 2000, EPEE’s membership is composed of 49 member companies, national and international associations.

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As an expert association, EPEE is supporting safe, environmentally and economically viable technologies with the objective of promoting a better understanding of the sector in the EU and contributing to the development of effective European policies.

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