

## Energy Efficiency as a priority in the European energy and climate policy: the 2011 Energy Efficiency Plan

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#### **ENERGY HAS A STRONG LINK WITH CLIMATE CHANGE**

#### Share of greenhouse gas emissions in 2008



The use of energy is responsible for the majority of greenhouse gas emissions, with the energy sector representing 31%, transport 19%, industry 13%, households 9% and others 7%.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY HAS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN EUROPE'S DECARBONISATION



# BUT IT ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO IMPROVE ENERGY SECURITY AND COMPETITIVENESS

Reduce EU's energy bill and help fight against energy poverty

Create up new jobs (eg. sustainable technologies and construction sectors)

Boost R&D & markets for EU global leadership





Reduce Mt CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
Limit environmental degradation

## SO FAR THE EU IS NOT ON TRACK TO MEET ITS 20% ENERGY SAVING TARGET BY 2020



\* Gross inland consumption minus non-energy uses

# THERE REMAIN SUBSTANTIAL COST-EFFECTIVE ENERGY SAVING POTENTIALS THROUGHOUT ALL SECTORS



## **OVERVIEW OF KEY ELEMENTS OF THE NEW EEP**



### PUBLIC SECTOR TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE



#### **EEP** proposals

- High energy efficiency standards when purchasing goods,
- services and works.
   Annual 3% refurbishment (by floor area) bringing the energy performance level.
- For additional buildings to be rented/ purchased, these should be of the best available energy performance class.
- Further use of energy performance contracting.
  - •Further promotion of the Covenant of Mayors.

•Launch of a new Smart Cities & Smart Communities initiative

### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR A COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY**



#### **EEP** proposals

• Integrated approach tackling heat losses from electricity & industrial production processes through CHP and DH/DC

•Possible future legislation, if current energy generation capacity does not reflect Best Available Techniques

• Mandatory energy audits for large companies and EU support to SMEs

•Additional ecodesign measures on household and industrial products

• National energy saving obligation schemes for energy utilities.

## **EMPOWERING CONSUMERS TO MANAGE THEIR CONSUMPTION & HORIZONTAL MEASURES**

### Status



- Considerable saving potential unused: 21%
- Obstacles to energy efficiency:
  - Lack of awareness & information
  - Regulatory obstacles (e.g. accounting and procurement rules)
  - Lack of skilled
     professionals

#### **EEP** proposals

- Improved information to consumers on their energy consumption (smart grids/meters)
- MS to introduce measures to address the "split of incentives" issue according to private property
- Training and Qualification initiative (BUILD UP Skills) and adaptation of national academic curricula to reflect energy efficiency qualification needs
- MS to provide market overviews, **registries** of energy services providers and **model contracts**.







## Thank you!

The Energy Efficiency Plan and accompanying documents are available in: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/action plan/action plan en.htm

For more information of EU energy efficiency policies: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/index en.htm

### **POSSIBLE TIME PLANNING AFTER ADOPTION** 8 March 2011 • Adoption of the 2011 Energy Efficiency Plan 21 June 2011 • Launching of the Smart Cities and Smart Communities initiative (Conference in Brussels) • Commission to adopt a proposal of a Directive on 22 June 2011 energy efficiency (to start negotiations under the Polish Presidency) Commission to adopt proposals for the new multi-annual financial framework 29 June 2011 Adoption of new ecodesign and energy labelling implementing measures On going 2013-14 Assessment of progress towards 20% saving objective