



# We need to **Renovate** Europe ... Now!

## Open letter to the EU Commissioner for Energy and the Energy Ministers of EU Member States

Dear Commissioner Oettinger, Dear Ministers,

Recent environmental disasters as well as turmoil in the energy market have underlined the energy challenges that we face. We need affordable, secure and safe energy for our economies to grow and for our citizens to prosper.

You have the opportunity to help address this once in a generation challenge. You can continue the policies of the past or pursue a better, brighter energy future by making Europe's buildings more energy efficient.

A deep renovation of Europe's existing buildings will save 32% of the total primary energy used in Europe. This saving is equivalent to the combined total energy production of the European coal and nuclear energy sectors or a saving of 4 billion barrels of foreign oil per year.<sup>1</sup>

Our companies and trade associations stand ready and willing to help you Renovate Europe. Working together we can create local jobs, reduce Europe's CO<sub>2</sub> footprint and ensure that we are less likely to suffer from foreign energy shocks.

We urge you to ensure that energy saving is made a national and European priority. You can make a start by ensuring that energy saving is given equal weight to energy production in Europe's 2050 Energy Road Map.

Yours faithfully,

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<sup>1</sup> Share of total energy consumption by fuel in 2007, European Environment Agency, published on 15 April 2010  
<http://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/figures/share-of-total-energy-consumption>