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## Energy efficiency will keep bills down while protecting the climate

### Energy Efficiency Directive

The European Parliament has today passed the revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive with a strong majority. It forms part of the European Commission's clean energy package. Trilogues are expected to start in February.

Greens/EFA shadow rapporteur **Benedek Jávor** comments:

*"When it comes to meeting the Paris climate agreement, energy efficiency is a crucial part of the puzzle. But it's not just about keeping emissions down. It is also crucial to citizens' health and to keeping energy bills down for citizens and businesses.*

*"We are pleased to have won an EU wide binding target for energy efficiency of at least 35% by 2030. We have worked hard to ensure that transport is included in this aim, a key sector for achieving a transition towards a low emissions economy. We also defeated efforts to include adjustment mechanisms that would have undermined both the targets and investor confidence.*

*"We want to make sure the benefits of increased energy efficiency are passed on to consumers. That's why Member States will be obliged to achieve yearly energy efficiency improvements of 1.5% for energy customers, helping to tackle the problem of energy poverty.*

*"We have achieved a strong position with a wide majority in the parliament which will put us in good standing for the upcoming trilogues. We need to deliver a strong energy efficiency directive without loopholes and exceptions."*

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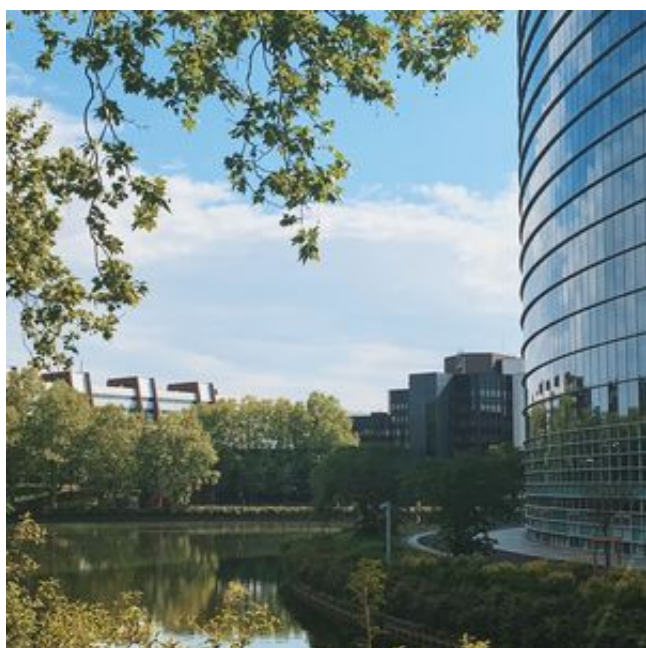
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