

# Press Release

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## 2030 energy savings target: France raises the bar

*Brussels, 22 July 2015 – A new law passed by the French Parliament setting a national energy savings goal for 2030 sends a strong signal to the European Commission that it can propose an ambitious EU energy efficiency target for 2030.*

Following a wide stakeholder consultation and long debates, the French Parliament has adopted the Energy Transition law proposed by its Environment and Energy Minister Ségolène Royal. The law contains numerous measures to encourage energy savings and sets a 2030 energy savings target of reducing energy consumption by 20% compared to 2012. This translates as a 34% efficiency improvement in the EU 2030 target language, which is close to the estimated cost-effective savings potential for France and significantly above the 27% proposed by the European Council last year.<sup>1</sup>

“By going far beyond the lowest common denominator identified by the European Council last year, France encourages the European Commission to propose adequately ambitious targets for 2030 - in line with the cost-effective potentials”, said Stefan Scheuer, Secretary General of the Coalition for Energy Savings.

The President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, had made it clear that 30% energy savings by 2030 would be the absolute minimum for him and should be made binding. As the Commission is set to propose legislative tools to realise the objectives of its Energy Union project, he will have the opportunity to propose high ambition for energy efficiency.

As a multi-stakeholder Coalition, uniting 27 European business, civil society, professional, trade union and local government organisations, the Coalition for Energy Savings calls for a binding 40% energy savings target for 2030 to unlock the EU’s full cost-effective energy savings potentials and trigger investments in energy efficiency improvements which make economic sense – thus boosting the economy, significantly reducing energy imports and addressing climate concerns.

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*The Coalition for Energy Savings brings together business, professionals, local authorities, trade unions and civil society associations. The Coalition’s purpose is to make the case for a European energy policy that places a much greater, more meaningful emphasis on energy efficiency and savings. Coalition members represent more than 400 associations, 150 companies, 15 million supporters, more than 2 million employees, 1,000 cities and towns in 30 countries in Europe.*  
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<sup>1</sup> According to a report by Fraunhofer ISI et al on behalf of DG ENER the EU could save at least 40% of its overall final energy demand by 2030 if it made of all the cost-effective efficiency improvements across all sectors of the economy. The respective savings potential in France is estimated to be between 35% and 37%.