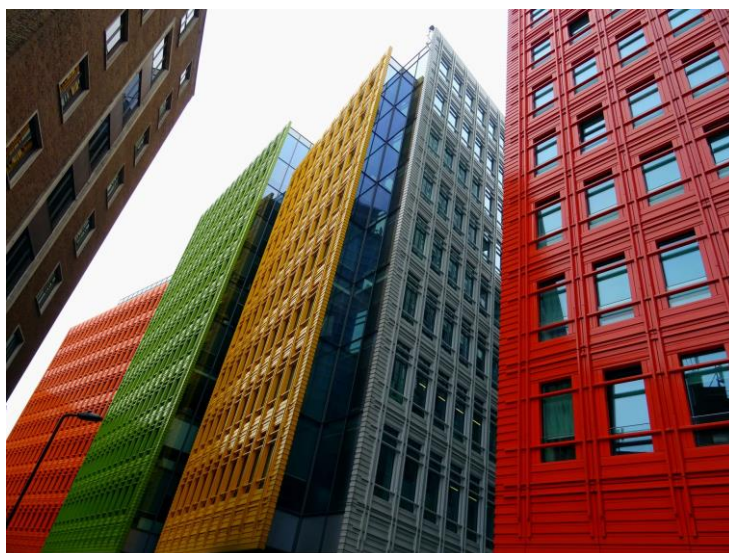


49% renewables in buildings by 2030 – How to get there?



Tuesday 12 October 2021, 14:00 – 15:45 CEST

**Hosted by MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri
and MEP Maria Spyra**

Co-chairs of the European Parliament Intergroup on 'Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development'

The trajectory for buildings is clear; the need to reduce emissions by 55% until 2030 compared to 1990 levels, as well as to contribute to achieving 49% renewables in heating are also significant, in order to reach climate neutrality by 2050. Today, buildings are responsible for 36% of Europe's GHG emissions, while space heating and warm water account for over 85% of the energy consumed in buildings. At the same time, only 21% of heating installations is renewable-based, and over 60% are old and inefficient. Given the urgency and scale of the challenge, we need immediate action guided by an energy system perspective with clean electrons and molecules for heating.

As a result, this European Parliament Intergroup event, co-organized with Viessmann, aims at discussing the framework conditions that accelerate de-carbonization of heating, additionally ensuring that no-one is left behind. Moreover, the event aims at highlighting the complementary role between green electrification and green gases, alongside a well-balanced mix of measures to facilitate the achievement of the 2030 and 2050 goals; i) acceleration of renovation, ii) electrification of heating, iii) greening of heating fuels - including hydrogen - and iv) barriers and policy recommendations to accelerate decarbonisation of heating.

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FINAL AGENDA

*Moderated by **Frédéric Simon**, Journalist, Energy and Environment Editor, Euractiv*

14:00 - 14:15 – Opening remarks by **MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri** and **MEP Maria Spyra** (video-message intervention)

14:15 - 14:30 – Presentation by **Dr. Christoph Riechmann**, Director, Frontier Economics: Study results on system cost optimization

14:30 - 14:40 – Intervention by **Renée Bruel**, Director on Buildings, European Climate Foundation

14:40 - 14:50 – Intervention by **Alix Chambris**, Vice President Global Public Affairs and Sustainability, Viessmann

14:50 - 15:00 – Intervention by **Paula Pinho**, Director on Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency and Innovation (Directorate B), DG ENER, European Commission

15:00 - 15:10 – Intervention by **Professor Nebojsa Nakicenovic**, Deputy Chair, European Commission's Group of Chief Scientific Advisors (GCSA)

15:10 - 15:40 – **Q&As session** with the audience, moderated by **Frédéric Simon**, Journalist, Energy and Environment Editor, Euractiv

15:40 - 15:45 – Closing remarks by **Ilias Grampas**, EU Affairs Manager, EBCD – Secretariat of the European Parliament Intergroup on 'Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development'