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Re: European Parliament's report on European energy security strategy

Dear Mr Saudargas,

In the context of your work as rapporteur for the report on European energy security strategy, the European Union of Developers and House Builders (UEPC) strongly supports the work of the European Parliament in this area and would like to take the opportunity to share its views in advance of the discussions:

- UEPC believes that priority should be given to the setting-up of a network of smart energy infrastructure, based on market principles and fair competition;
- UEPC understands that the possible consequences of an (economic) shut down of industrial sites on which district heating systems depend have to be carefully considered;
- UEPC considers that regarding residential buildings, more energy efficiency gains can be found in the existing residential building stock rather than in new buildings;
- UEPC thinks that the possibility under the European Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) to Member States not to opt for mandatory Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) by 2020 if not cost optimal, should not be removed;
- UEPC also considers that, in any case, when preparing NZEB standards for residential buildings in the different Member States, especially ventilation standards, a zero risk approach should be maintained in relation to possible health/diseases of the residents of such buildings;
- Finally, UEPC strongly believes that state aid to facilitate energy efficiency measures should firmly respect EU state aid rules and may, in no way lead to distortions of competition between (semi-)public and private stakeholders.

We very much hope our points will contribute to the debate. We would be very happy to discuss them further in the course of a meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact us in case we can provide further information.

Best wishes

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