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***Business leaders emphasize the role of energy efficiency
in the Polish national energy strategy up to 2030***



Warsaw, 26 November 2013: A fossil fuel dependent economy, high demand for energy, outdated infrastructures and commitments in the field of environmental protection are the main concerns of Poland which is currently formulating its new national energy strategy.

At a meeting between the European Alliance to Save Energy (EU-ASE¹) and the Polish Secretary of State for Energy, Tomasz Tomczykiewicz, in Warsaw last week, some of Europe's leading businesses including Danfoss, Kingspan, Philips, Schneider Electric and

Siemens highlighted that energy efficiency is key to address these long-lasting issues, boost growth and increase the competitiveness of European industries in Poland and Europe.

According to projections developed for *Energy Policy of Poland until 2030*, the final energy consumption until 2030 will grow by 30% compared to 2010. 45% of Poland's power generating equipment is over 30 years old and needs to be modernized in order to ensure energy security and to improve environmental and climate standards. Investments in energy efficiency can reduce both the share of imported fuels in Polish energy-mix and relieve pressure on investments in power infrastructures.

The business community has calculated² that, over the period to 2030, energy efficiency can offset the investments needed in Europe for energy infrastructure by €30 billion a year. A reduced demand will indeed decrease the need for new energy infrastructures. Energy efficiency, together with renewable energy sources, ensures greater security of supply and increases energy self-sufficiency in Poland and in the EU.

Speaking on behalf of EU-ASE, a grouping of prominent business leaders, politicians and campaigners, the **President, Monica Frassoni** said: *"Poland played a positive role during the negotiations of the Energy Efficiency Directive as it understood the huge potentials of energy efficiency. Today we asked the Polish*

¹ The European Alliance to Save Energy (EU-ASE) was established at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in December 2010. Members include leading European companies such as 1E, Danfoss, Kingspan, Knauf Insulation, Opower, Philips Lighting, Schneider Electric and Siemens, prominent NGOs and foundations including the European Climate Foundation and Kyoto Club.

² European Alliance to Save Energy with the support of the research group Ecofys, "[The case for a European energy saving target for 2030](#)", February 2013

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Government to follow the same political line and be a leading supporter within the Council of the EU for a binding EU energy savings target for 2030. Poland can massively decrease its expensive imports of fossil fuels, boost a fast growing sustainable market and create local jobs. But this is only possible with a stable and ambitious European legislative framework for energy efficiency for the period up to 2030. Without security for investments in Poland and Europe, the energy efficiency market will develop outside the EU. We do not want to miss this opportunity”.

The European Commission will present on 14 January 2014 a Communication on the EU energy and climate package for 2030 accompanied by an Impact Assessment. Member States will then discuss and eventually find an agreement on the architecture of the 2030 policy framework by mid-2014.

Following the meeting with EU-ASE, the Polish Secretary of State for Energy, Tomasz Tomczykiewicz, said: “I strongly believe that energy efficiency will be key to achieving the targets of energy and climate policy. It is the cheapest and most effective way to increase energy security, boost competitiveness and to cut emission. Poland enjoys its indigenous natural resources and the efficient use of energy resources is an important factor of sustainable development of our country”.

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