Energy Efficiency Directive:
the first step in a lengthy process

In welcoming today's European Parliament ITRE Committee vote on the Energy Efficiency Directive, EUROCHAMBRES stressed that this is just the first step in a lengthy and challenging process and called on member states to ensure that they implement the legislation with SMEs in mind.

A EUROCHAMBRES survey of over 2000 SMEs in 12 countries highlighted the need for a range of support measures to capitalise on the huge energy efficiency potential of smaller businesses. These included basic information on low or no-cost energy efficiency measures, improvements in measuring energy consumption and financial support for longer term investments.

EUROCHAMBRES' Secretary General Arnaldo Abruzzini said: *"This directive provides a sound legal base for delivering improved energy efficiency across the EU.* However, *the directive will only fulfil its purpose and deliver benefits both in terms of the EU climate targets and competitiveness if SMEs are provided with appropriate tools to improve their energy efficiency."*

Chambers of Commerce are catalysts in improving energy efficiency

Every year:

Businesses receiving energy efficiency support from Chambers	202,000
Chambers collaborating with other stakeholders to deliver energy efficiency services	100%
Chambers focusing on EU legislation in delivery of energy efficiency activities	65%

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