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### **LOW CARBON ROADMAP 2050 AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN: COMPANIES NEED PREDICTABLE POLICIES**

On the occasion of the European Commission's adoption of the "Roadmap for moving to a low-carbon economy in 2050" and the "Energy Efficiency Plan 2011", BUSINESSEUROPE calls for a consistent and coordinated policy approach that considers the impacts on European business.

BUSINESSEUROPE welcomes the intention to set a low-carbon strategy to 2050 as it can improve investment predictability for companies, but is worried about a number of aspects in today's Commission Communication. For example, "setting aside" allowances in the EU Emission Trading Scheme could create uncertainty for business and hamper competitiveness of European industry. BUSINESSEUROPE emphasises that

- To improve predictability, it is essential not to disrupt the EU climate and energy policy framework already in place for 2020.
- Any further EU climate action must be conditional on equivalent action from our main trading partners.

To meet our climate and energy challenges, priority must be given to untapped potential to improve energy efficiency, e.g. in buildings. The proposed "Energy Efficiency Plan 2011", also published today, provides a good basis for discussion. The concrete proposals contained in the Plan will have to be carefully scrutinised to ensure smart and supportive energy efficiency policies for all sectors.

Director General Philippe de Buck said: "Global consumption of industrial goods will continue to rise. Policies that drive industry out of Europe will reduce European growth and jobs without helping the global climate. Climate, competitiveness and industrial policy must go together."

(For more information, consult BUSINESSEUROPE's position paper:  
<http://www.businessseurope.eu/content/default.asp?PageID=568&DocID=27652> .)

#### **Note to the Editor**

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