



The **Coolproducts** partners would like to invite you to the following one-day event:

## Energy efficient heating and cooling of buildings

### Will EU policies deliver appropriate savings?

*Date: 14th of October 2009 from 9.30 – 17.30*

*Venue: European Parliament, Room Paul Henri Spaak P4B001, Brussels*

**Hosted by Members of the European Parliament**

**Anni Podimata (S&D), Fiona Hall (ALDE), Claude Turmes (GREENS) and Dr. Peter Liese (EPP)**

**Coolproducts for a cool planet** is a joint environmental NGO campaign for ambitious minimum requirements for energy efficiency and other environmental aspects of products sold in the European Union. The coalition has organised this conference and will present there their new European manifesto for "**Warm homes, Cool products**" – as a basis for discussion about how EU's energy efficiency policy can realise the great energy saving potential in the buildings sector.

One quarter of energy in Europe is used for heating and cooling buildings, and around one third of this energy is unnecessarily wasted due to poor performing products. EU minimum energy efficiency requirements for water heaters, boilers and air-conditioners are currently being developed under the 2005 Ecodesign Directive.

Will they deliver appropriate energy savings? Are these measures integrated and will they be complemented by a new EU Energy Efficiency Action Plan, a revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and new energy labelling requirements? Will this help put energy saving at the heart of Europe's politics this autumn and will all Europeans really have warm homes and cool products?

Join the Coolproducts partners, MEPs and a variety of other stakeholders and decision-makers, as they discuss progress on energy saving in heating and cooling our buildings, and the hurdles and solutions to achieve the common goal of energy efficient housing.

Attached you find the preliminary programme of the conference and a registration form. **Please return your registration by September 29.** All information will also be posted at [www.coolproducts.eu](http://www.coolproducts.eu).

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## Conference Programme

Chairs: Stefan Scheuer (europe planet earth ltd) & Eoin Lees (Vice-president ECEEE)

08:30 Registration

09:30 Conference opening

- Mirjam de Rijk, Director Stichting Natuur en Milieu, The Netherlands
- Dr. Peter Liese, MEP

10:00 Role of EU energy policies in realising A European Eco-Efficient Economy

- Dr Fredrik von Malmborg, Ministry of Energy, Sweden

10:20 EU policies on heating and cooling buildings: what can they deliver?

- EU market and environmental legislative tools: Andre Brisaer, European Commission, DG TREN
- Saving potentials and implementation hurdles: Wolfgang Irrek, Wuppertal Institute
- NGO experiences from the Ecodesign implementation: Edouard Toulouse, Environmental Citizens' Organisation for Standardisation
- Q&A and discussion with audience

11:20 Presentation of the European Manifesto: "Warm homes, cool products"

- Olaf Bandt, Director Policy & Communications, Friends of the Earth Germany

11:40 Reactions to the Manifesto: What EU and national actions are needed to end wasting energy for heating and cooling?

- Key note speech by European Commission (tbc)
- Followed by Panel discussion with:
  - Anni Podimata, MEP
  - Monique Goyens, Director General of the European Consumers Organisation
  - John Hontelez, Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau
  - Pieter Boot, Energy Research Centre NL
  - Udo Wasser, Secretary General EHI, European Heating Industry

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 How to make energy saving in buildings happen in practice – obstacles & successes

- Danish experiences and lessons: Soren Dyck Madsen, Det Oekologiske Raad
- Specificities of CEE countries: Szymon Liszka, FEWE Poland (tbc)
- Financing energy savings in Germany & Italy: Johannes Hengstenberg, co2online
- Saving energy for cooling in Southern Europe: Prof Matthaios Santamouris, University Athens (tbc)
- Q&A and discussion with audience

16:00 Panel: Next steps to remove obstacles and design successful policies

- Fiona Hall, MEP
- Davide Minotti, Sustainable Products & Materials Division, Defra UK
- European Commission, DG TREN (tbc)
- Ron Wit, Stichting Natuur en Milieu, The Netherlands

17:00 Concluding remarks by Claude Turmes, MEP

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