European Parliament calls for three binding climate and energy targets in 2030

Brussels. 9th January 2014. The Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) and the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) Committees have jointly called on the European Council and the Commission to adopt and implement three binding 2030 targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions, renewable energy sources and energy efficiency.

“This is a key message from the European Parliament ahead of the publication of the European Commission’s Communication on Climate and Energy 2030 Framework”, said Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes, President of the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC).

“European parliamentarians have emphasized that a binding target for renewables post-2020 strengthens Europe’s industrial position and will boost both urgently needed economic growth and job creation”, stated Hinrichs-Rahlwes.

“In calling for an integrated renewables, greenhouse gas and energy efficiency policy for 2030 the European Parliament has once again demonstrated its commitment to sound and sustainable energy policy”, added Hinrichs-Rahlwes.

The report adopted in Committee today will be voted on in plenary in the beginning of February.