

His Excellency the President of the European Commission  
Mr. Barroso,

Her Excellency the Commissioner for Institutional  
Relations and Communication Madame Wallström,

His Excellency the Commissioner for Energy, Mister  
Piebalgs,

His Excellency the Commissioner for Environment, Mr.  
Dimas,

His Excellency the Commissioner for Development and  
Humanitarian Aid Mr Michel

His Excellency the President of the Chamber of the  
Kingdom of Belgium, Mr. Decroo,

Her Excellency the President of the Senat of the Kingdom  
of Belgium, Madame Lizin,

His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of  
Belgium, Mr. Verhofstadt,

His Excellency the Minister of State, Viconte D'Avignon,

Their Excellencies Minister of Federal Belgium Government,

Their Excellencies the Minister Presidents of the three regional Governments of the Kingdom of Belgium, Mr. Leterme, Mr. Dirupo and Mr. Picqué,

His Excellency the Minister President of the German Community of the Kingdom of Belgium Mr. Lambertz,

Their Excellencies Governors of the Belgium Provinces,

Their Excellencies the Ambassadors of CORREPER and the bilateral Ambassadors to the Kingdom of Belgium,

His Excellency the Mayor of Brussels, Mr. Thilmans,

Distinguished guests,

Allow me to give you a brief history on these two particular buildings.

As you all may know, my main activity is to initiate and develop concepts in the field of environment in the broad sense of the term.

All these concepts must obligatory fit into the theory of the “3Es”.

In a nutshell, the theory of the “3Es” says that in every decision one must, on an equal base, take not only for granted the economical aspect but also the ecological and social aspect and implication of a problem raised.

The theory of the “3Es” will then lead us, if applied, to sustainable solutions.

The concept of environment, Mr. President, distinguished guests, is summarised in that very specific vision mentioned above.

Coming back to the history of these two buildings: three years ago, with the support of a team of experts, and I thank them for their presence today, I have developed the concept of protecting old buildings with an architectural value and to integrate the latest European technologies regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy sources into these ancient buildings.

I have submitted this concept to EREC and suggested them that they could have their own living showcase of all their different European technologies.

All the transformation and the reconstruction of these two buildings from scratch took 7 months to realise.

Today these two buildings have a 70 % reduction of energy consumption & energy saving.

It means that compared to a conventional energy production system, when one pays 1000 € a year as energy bill in a conventional building, in this case one will only pay 300 € a year.

Mr. President, distinguished guests, I have demonstrated to you that I could develop this project on my own resource without any public financial support.

Since this project was completed, I have received three requests by private and public institutions to develop the same concept in buildings with architectural value.

Mr. President, distinguished guests, may I hope that for similar future initiatives, I could count on the collaboration, regard and support of the European authorities.

Let me remind you all, that this European Renewable Energy House will be open, on request, to any European

and non-European citizen who is interested in understanding how new sustainable energy technologies can be applied in old restored buildings.

Mr. President, distinguished guests, the Renewable Energy House, that you just open and visited, is one of the many concrete applications of my “3Es” theory that I have been developing and realised during the past 15 passionate years.

Thank you.

Mr. President, may I now give you the floor.