

ECODESIGN AND ENERGY LABELLING

BETTER PRODUCTS, LESS ENERGY, MORE SUSTAINABILITY

19 June 2019, 16:00 – 17:30

Room Walter Hallstein, Berlaymont building

AGENDA

Setting the scene: *Robert Nuij, Head of Sector for Energy Efficiency of Products, DG Energy*

Keynote: *Michael Scholand, senior advisor, CLASP.*

Panel discussion: the future of ecodesign/ and labelling - streamlining the legislative process, unexploited potential, new opportunities and challenges:

Paolo Falcioni, Director General, Applia

Peter Bennich, Energy efficiency expert, Swedish Energy Agency

Sigrid Linher, Director Energy & Environment, Orgalim

Sylvia Maurer, Director, Sustainability and Safety, BEUC

Sophie Attali, Topten

Moderator: *Robert Nuij*

Ecodesign and Energy Labelling are highly effective policy instruments, estimated to deliver energy savings of around 1745 TWh per year by 2020, more than the annual primary energy consumption of Italy. For consumers, this translates into €470 savings per household per year on energy bills. Around 85% of European citizens are familiar with the EU energy label and use it for making informed purchasing decisions.

The European Commission is in the process of adopting an ambitious package comprising 11 ecodesign and 6 energy labelling regulations. This package is expected to deliver further energy savings of almost 120 TWh per year by 2030. Many of the new ecodesign regulations also contribute directly to the objectives of circular economy.

This session aims to: (i) explore the challenges for this important policy area going forward, and (ii) stimulate a debate and collect views on possible future policy approaches.

The Commission services will briefly introduce ecodesign and energy labelling policy, and its benefits, including the online database for product registration, EPREL.

The keynote speech will set out some of the key challenges facing this policy area, with a view to stimulate the panel debate and the exchange with the audience.

The stakeholder panel, will bring together representatives of EU Member States' authorities, consumer and environmental NGOs, and manufacturers, to debate these challenges and share their views on the way forward. Finally, the audience will engage in an open debate. Discussion themes will include amongst others: evolving policies in a fast-moving digitalised world, enhancing contributions to circular economy, examining the energy efficiency of systems in addition to the gains brought by stand-alone products and international aspects.