

Sustainable Corporate Building Climate Pledge

CEO Alliance companies set the challenge of at least carbon neutral corporate buildings by 2030

The CEO Alliance strongly supports acceleration of the sustainable buildings transition and the EU Renovation Wave. Making our built environment more sustainable is a crucial part of the Green Deal. New buildings need from now, be built to be net zero and the renovation of existing buildings needs to be stepped up to reduce energy use. More sustainable buildings will also improve our living and working environment.

Europe has to address its biggest energy crisis in recent history; Europe's dependence on fossil fuel imports is the root of the recent difficulties and a strategic vulnerability. High energy prices account for nearly half of current inflation. Accelerating the energy transition is the only way forward. **Energy efficiency in buildings is a critical issue to address since buildings account for 40% of energy consumption.**

As owners and users of buildings, we wish to 'walk the talk'. On December 12, Members of the CEO Alliance met in Rome meeting where they have discussed the Sustainable Corporate Building Climate Pledge, by which they aim to achieve at least carbon neutrality and invest in sustainability for their own corporate buildings by 2030. **A goal that scopes thousands of buildings and a surface of 11,5 million of square meters of tertiary buildings.** Some of our companies have endorsed higher ambition milestones by setting-up a net-zero target, implementing an earlier timeline and/or including a wider scope of buildings (such as manufacturing buildings).

Each of the CEO Alliance companies commit to creating increased awareness and solution roadmaps that will be implemented according to the pledge. It will include technologies such as for example as on-site PV, building management system, EV charging station, Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), microgrid, heat pumps contributing to the electrification of buildings.

We will support each other in our project by exchanging knowledge and connect with likeminded companies and associations.

In addition, CEO Alliance companies have, each in their own sector, sustainable solutions and technologies to enable the sustainable transition of the built environment (e.g. energy, digital, mobility, materials and construction methods). Many solutions are already available on the market. We need to focus on implementation.

We call on other companies to join the effort.

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