

Mr. Miguel Arias Cañete
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Climate Action and Energy
European Commission
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**Re: Invitation to give key note speech at the ANEC/BEUC conference on
Ecodesign and Energy Labelling during the EU Sustainable Energy
Week – 15 June 2016 from 16h00 to 17h30**

Dear Commissioner Cañete,

On 15 June, BEUC and ANEC - the European consumer voice in standardisation - will host a conference that will explore the savings potential for consumers from Ecodesign and Energy Labelling requirements.

New research, commissioned by us, demonstrates that every household can save several hundreds of euros per annum through Ecodesign alone and even more when taking an informed choice based on the EU Energy Label. We will share these findings with the audience at the event.

The findings contradict several critical media reports which have left the impression that Ecodesign has no added value for consumers and that the measures are limiting consumers' choice and negatively impacting convenience. Attempts to discredit Ecodesign are of concern to us because we believe that it is one of the most important instruments in the Commission's toolbox for more sustainable consumption and production. Our research demonstrates Ecodesign has a lot of untapped potential for higher net economic savings and increased convenience in the future.

Both BEUC and ANEC would be delighted to have you present at the event and to give a key note speech. Please find attached the draft programme. We are at the disposal of your services for any further questions.

Best regards,

