### Meeting Conclusions

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**Issues raised & follow-up**

The organisations jointly gave an overview of the main aspects and needs for the heating and cooling sector.

Today, heating accounts for 50% of EU energy demand, and 70% still comes from fossil fuels. Their main concern is to urgently spark an ambitious EU heating & cooling transition to follow through with the FitFor55 targets, but the organisations consider that additional measures are required to accelerate the transition and decarbonise heating in the EU.

Key asks:

1. More political visibility to the heating and cooling sector (e.g., establishing EU Heat Bank) and the sector’s role in achieving EU’s climate neutrality and energy independence.
2. On finance – streamlining funding and putting in place a financial risk-mitigation scheme.
3. Make heating and cooling plans mandatory for Member States and/or local municipalities.
4. Provide renewable cooling strategy and a DHC action plan.

The organisations highlighted the need to think about the topic in the frames of whole thermal systems, to keep the existing producers of new technology in the EU (GDIP) and the critical need for heat storage. They also brought forward the aspect of heat being a local issue and the need for more experts on that level to implement the transition.

The Commission gave an overview of how the topic is already well-represented in existing initiatives and recommended for the organisations to be in touch with the Covenant of Mayors to help bring the topic forward on the local level.