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EFCA welcomes ambitious EU Climate Law amendment and calls for decisive implementation

The European Federation of Engineering Consultancy Associations (EFCA) strongly welcomes the proposed amendment to the European Climate Law, endorsing the new target of achieving a 90% net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2040 compared to 1990 levels. EFCA views this as a bold and necessary step to address the escalating climate crisis and strengthen Europe's global climate leadership. EFCA's recent analyses on the resilience of Europe's [energy](#) and [transport](#) systems have highlighted climate-related risks as among the most pressing challenges facing the EU.

"The revised Climate Law sends a clear message: the EU remains determined to lead the global transition to a sustainable, climate-resilient future. Consulting engineers stand ready to deliver the technical solutions and innovations that will make these targets achievable. But we need coherent frameworks, stable investment signals, and fair competition to turn ambition into reality," said **Inés Ferguson, President of EFCA**.

The Climate Law amendment represents more than a technical adjustment. By strengthening the EU's legal and political commitment, it reinforces the EU's responsibility to safeguard its citizens and economy. A robust 2040 target will also demonstrate that deep decarbonisation is feasible, paving the way for global collaboration, shared technologies, and cost reductions that benefit developing economies. Consulting engineering firms play a central role in achieving Europe's climate ambitions. Our expertise drives the design and implementation of resilient, low-carbon infrastructure, from new construction to the renovation and maintenance of existing ones.

EFCA emphasises that success will depend on several key enablers, including:

- A harmonised EU definition of "net zero" for the built environment;
- Procurement frameworks that prioritise climate adaptation and long-term value;
- Firm carbon reduction commitments enabling green technology investment; and
- Fair competition mechanisms preventing market distortion from weaker global standards.

"The proposed amendment is a pivotal opportunity for the EU to show that ambitious climate goals are achievable and vital for long-term competitiveness and success across businesses and society. Our sector has the expertise to drive this and the opportunity to influence. Our collective success depends on aligning political will with consistent frameworks and impactful investment," added **Elina Kalliala**, Chair of EFCA's European Green Deal committee.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: EFCA has member associations in 27 countries and is the sole European federation representing the business interests of professional engineering consultancy and related services, a sector that employs more than one million staff in Europe.