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Dear Executive Vice-President Teresa Ribera Rodríguez,

As Europe advances toward climate neutrality while ensuring social equity and industrial competitiveness, eu.bac stands ready to support your leadership in delivering a Clean, Just, and Competitive Transition. Our association represents leading companies in the building automation and controls (BACS) industry, with strong European roots and a global footprint, which play a crucial role in enhancing energy efficiency, reducing emissions, and improving the well-being of people in buildings, ensuring that no one is left behind in the green transition.

Building automation is a cornerstone of a just and inclusive transition. Despite accounting for just 1% of total building costs, it delivers substantial energy savings of 26-52% while ensuring affordability and better indoor environmental quality—critical factors for social fairness. It is very cost-efficient, with an average three-year payback, empowering consumers, reducing energy poverty, and enhancing the resilience of businesses, making decarbonisation both economically viable and socially just while supporting the Clean Industrial Deal.

The construction sector, central to the EU's green and digital transitions, employed 7.6 million workers in 2022 and generated €158.1 billion in 2021. Digitalisation in the built environment extends beyond energy efficiency—it strengthens Europe's economic and industrial fabric. By modernizing the energy infrastructure, BACS technologies unlock innovation, support quality job creation, and enhance Europe's global leadership in smart buildings and automation.

In your role as Executive Vice-President, we encourage your leadership in the following areas:

- **Clean: Accelerating the Deployment of Smart Energy Solutions** with effective implementation of existing legislation like the **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)** will be instrumental in **scaling up BACS technologies**, unlocking energy efficiency at the system level, and ensuring that buildings actively contribute to grid flexibility and energy security.
- **Just: Ensuring an Inclusive Transition through** the implementation of **Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS)** in building renovation fully leverages the effectiveness of digital solutions, delivering affordable energy and improved well-being while reducing costs.
- **Competitive: Strengthening Europe's Industrial Leadership in the building technology sector**, which is at the forefront of innovation and a key driver of economic resilience and strategic autonomy. Ensuring that initiatives such as the **Net-Zero Industry Act** and **standardisation efforts** prioritising smart building technologies will enhance Europe's role as a global leader in sustainable solutions.

Your mission letter highlights the need for a balanced approach that delivers climate action, economic growth, and social justice—a vision that our industry fully embraces and delivers on. Integrating building automation in the energy transition contributes to a cleaner planet, a stronger economy, and a more just society. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with your team to advance these objectives and remain available to contribute to the Commission's ambitious agenda.

Yours sincerely,

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