



# manifesto

for improving energy efficiency in schools



By signing this Manifesto, we make a commitment to increasing energy efficiency in our local communities and regions.

## With the present Manifesto we recognize that:

- improving energy saving and energy efficiency is one of the quickest, greenest, and most cost-effective ways to address energy security, global energy justice and climate protection, and ensure sustainable economic growth in the long run;
- measures to increase energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources allow a reduction in environmental pollution;
- it is important and valuable to exchange and share information, experience and best practices which are the most effective means for promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy sources;
- schools need to play an important role in accelerating the dissemination and transfer of best practices and efficient technologies, which will contribute to the improvement of energy efficiency locally and worldwide;
- educating and making individuals and stakeholders of local communities more aware about energy efficiency is a priority and must be reinforced.

*The aim of this Manifesto is to facilitate and encourage actions that provide high energy efficiency gains.*

## The scope of the current Manifesto encompasses activities in the following areas:

- engaging students through curriculum programs so as to explore energy issues and make changes to their own behaviour in the school;
- development of methodologies for energy measurement and other tools to achieve optimal energy efficiency control and performance;
- developing a school-wide energy-efficiency policy;
- promptly exchanging measures, best practices and technologies that could significantly improve energy efficiency in schools and in local communities;
- supporting governments and local authorities to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

*In conclusion, we acknowledge that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources are important basis for sustainable development because they contribute to environment and climate protection, to local job creation and economic growth, to security of energy supply, to independence from energy price fluctuations as well as social cohesion and innovation.*

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