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FEFCO launches Best Practice Handbook for Improved Energy Efficiency

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FEFCO (the European Federation of Corrugated Cardboard Manufacturers) is delighted to announce the launch of its Best Practice Handbook for Improved Energy Efficiency. This work is the result of a collaboration between the FEFCO Sustainable Manufacturing Workgroup and RISE Bioeconomy and Health.

This Handbook provides practical guidance, presenting a collection of proven strategies and techniques to enhance energy efficiency in the corrugated cardboard production and conversion processes, aligning with FEFCO's Climate Neutrality Roadmap 2050.

It encompasses various aspects of production, conversion, and energy management, with a focus on short-term, typically 1 to 3-year, implementable solutions. By adopting the recommended actions outlined in the handbook, corrugated cardboard manufacturers and converters can achieve significant energy savings, reduce carbon emissions, and enhance operational energy efficiency.

This publication marks a pivotal moment for the corrugated cardboard industry's commitment to the FEFCO Climate Neutrality Roadmap. FEFCO's aim is to support companies in enhancing their energy efficiency strategies, thereby contributing to a sustainable future.

"Prioritising energy efficiency is paramount for strengthening both economic viability and environmental sustainability in the corrugated cardboard manufacturing industry" said Eleni Despotou, FEFCO Director General.

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Note to the editors

FEFCO (European Federation of Corrugated Board Manufacturers) represents the interests of the European Corrugated Board Manufacturers. Headquartered in Brussels, FEFCO has 16 Association members, all European national corrugated packaging organisations. The role of the Federation is to investigate economic, financial, technical and policy issues of interest to the corrugated packaging Industry, to analyse all factors which may influence the industry, and to promote and develop its reputation.

Europe's corrugated industry in Europe makes about 50 billion square metres of board per year, enough to cover Denmark. It has 373 companies, 646 plants and accounts for around 100,000 jobs. Corrugated cardboard packaging is circular by nature: it is based on a renewable resource; it is recyclable and recycled in reality. The average box weight decreased by 9% between 1996 and 2018 and contains on average 89% recycled material.