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“In the coming weeks we will know a new European leadership that, most likely, will be sharply different than the current one. It will have to think differently and focus mainly on the issues that represents the priorities for European citizens. The energy transition is surely a priority theme for the European Union which will necessarily take into account opportunities that best available technologies put at our disposal.

In this phase of energy transition that affects the European Union and the new leadership, it is essential that citizens become active decision-makers because only through consumer awareness it is possible to achieve objectives of a conscious energy efficiency. As Italian Government, since the very first days we have undertaken participatory paths that put citizens and stakeholders at the centre of our choices. In light of the scenario we are facing, I believe it is necessary for the new European leadership to take into consideration the best economic, scientific and social resources to start a shared path, as result of the contributions and sensitivities of each Member State.

If we want European citizens to play a key-role in a new European Union, we need to face the problem of energy poverty at a European level. It is therefore appropriate to know what energy poverty is, define it and face it with greater attention and commitment. European policies will soon have new players. It is time to seize the opportunities that the energy transition put at our disposal to bring citizens closer to institutions. I am confident that the new European representatives will not miss this great opportunity.”