Orgalim recommendations for the Net-Zero Industry Act

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Orgalim welcomes the EU's ambition for the Net-Zero Industry Act to scale up domestic manufacturing of clean technology to boost the net-zero transition.

Our key messages:

➢ current and future technologies needed to reach net-zero go beyond those needed for clean energy

➢ to ensure their competitiveness, other measures besides faster permitting will be required.

To ensure the Net-Zero Industry Act achieves its aims, we recommend:

1. Consider all enabling technologies needed for the transition to net-zero

The scope should cover *all* technologies that can contribute to, and enable, climate neutrality – eg electrification, advanced manufacturing technologies and digital solutions such as sensors, data platforms and AI models.

2. Retain value chain perspective

To strengthen longer-term competitiveness of the manufacturing capacity of net-zero technologies, maintain the broad value chain approach in the 'selection criteria' of net-zero strategic projects.

3. Broaden access to regulatory sandboxes

Net-zero regulatory sandboxes should encompass *all* technologies which help industry to reach the objectives set out in the Act. Sandboxes need to be based on, and accompanied by, investment in technology infrastructures.

4. Take care to avoid unwanted displacement of skilled labour

European Net-Zero Industry Academies are a welcome initiative. However, identifying a few areas to be prioritised can lead to displacement effects and a reallocation of human resources from other areas, which should be avoided.

5. Speed up permitting processes for all net-zero products

It is paramount that national authorities prioritise the speeding up of permitting processes at national level for *all* net-zero products required for the EU to reach climate neutrality.

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6. Reduce regulatory burdens

Besides clean tech permitting, the cumulative administrative and regulatory burden must be addressed to improve the overall business environment, including through:

> ➢ comprehensive competitiveness checks for all future legislation

> ➢ scrutiny of the regulatory framework to boost competitiveness of *all* parts of Europe's industrial base.

7. Involve industry in governance

Include industry stakeholders in the Net-Zero Europe Platform.

8. Revise and improve public procurement provisions

We support the sustainability-related public procurement provisions but oppose the proposed resilience criteria.

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