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CLEAN, AFFORDABLE AND SECURE ENERGY ON TIME FOR EUROPE'S FUTURE: A call for tangible and timely results on the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package

Last week saw the kick-off of political discussions on the European Commission's Clean Energy Package in both the Energy Council and the European Parliament's lead Industry & Energy (ITRE) committee, while European leaders are set to convene in Brussels on 9-10 March to discuss the future of Europe at the European Summit. In the light of this ramp-up of political activity, European energy technology manufacturers represented by Orgalime are today reiterating their call for support for a timely, ambitious and comprehensive outcome on the Clean Energy Package. Orgalime views this as indispensable to give a fresh boost to jobs, growth and investment in Europe – to the benefit of European citizens, the EU economy and not least the environment.

"It is reassuring to see our regulators, Member States and MEPs picking up on the Commission's Clean Energy proposals so quickly and with a common agenda in mind – namely the Joint Declaration on the EU's 2017 legislative priorities," comments Adrian Harris, Director General of Orgalime. "However, when it comes to implementing the Paris Agreement, this is no time to dither or to show reluctance," he stresses. "It is now that we must take concrete action at home to modernise our outdated energy system and deliver real results for our climate and the well-being and prosperity of Europe, its companies and its citizens."

The EU's rapid ratification of the Paris Agreement and the launch of the Commission's Clean Energy for all Europeans package send important signals about Europe's commitment to sustainability. Now what is needed is for these good ideas to be put into action on the ground. Technologies 'made in Europe' are ready to drive the change. European firms are already world-leaders – working mostly outside Europe – in areas such as renewable energy, energy efficiency and smart grids. What is needed now is the political commitment at EU and Member-State level to implement a framework to help them succeed at home. Delivering on ambitious energy policies can become that rarest of prizes in the political world: a win-win for all stakeholders – for the planet and EU citizens, but also for European manufacturers.

In line with the Joint Declaration of the European Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission, Orgalime therefore calls on regulators to deliver on time and with determination, unity and strength on the objective of an ambitious Energy Union and a forward-looking climate change policy. "We have a unique opportunity before us," concludes Mr. Harris, "but we need to wholeheartedly and unitedly go for it." The European engineering industries – which today provide almost 11 million jobs across the EU – are ready to step up and play their part in transforming Europe's energy system for the benefit of all Europeans.

For further information, Orgalime's **detailed recommendations on the pending Energy, Climate and Waste proposals** are available here:

- [Orgalime Position Paper on the Clean Energy Package \(27 February 2017\)](#)

Orgalime, the European Engineering Industries Association, speaks for 40 trade federations representing the mechanical, electrical, electronic, metalworking & metal articles industries of 24 European countries. The industry employs some 10.9 million people in the EU and in 2015 accounted for more than €1,900 billion of annual output. The industry accounts for over a quarter of manufacturing output and a third of the manufactured exports of the European Union.

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- [Open letter to Member States and MEPs on the Clean Energy Package \(2 December 2016\)](#)
- [Orgalime Position Paper on “Bringing the Climate Package To Life” \(31 October 2016\)](#)
- [Orgalime Position Paper on the “Waste Package: The stronger the internal Market the better for a Circular Economy” \(17 February 2017\)](#)

Orgalime’s **overall vision and industrial policy agenda** are available here:

- A vision for the future of European engineering:
[Orgalime’s updated Vision Paper, of November 2016](#)
- European Industry Day, 28 February 2017:
[Speech of Tomas Hedenborg, Orgalime President](#)
- [Joint Declaration with 124 Associations “Supporting An Ambitious Industrial Strategy”, 16 February 2017](#)

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