



IN BRIEF



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Welcome!

Welcome to the first In Brief of 2017! Let us start by wishing you all a very happy new year.

In our industry and beyond, many are awaiting the next 12 months with a mix of anticipation and trepidation. In political terms, we are in for an interesting ride to say the least: Article 50, a new US administration, and a slew of elections across the EU... Unfortunately, political instability is not the greatest friend of industrial investment – so Orgalime and the companies we represent will be keeping a close eye on developments as they unfold.

But then there are also opportunities for us, with everything from digitisation to climate and energy to R&I on the agenda. And Orgalime will be there every step of the way, making sure our industry's priorities are heard and helping our companies continue to provide growth and employment to Europe's citizens.

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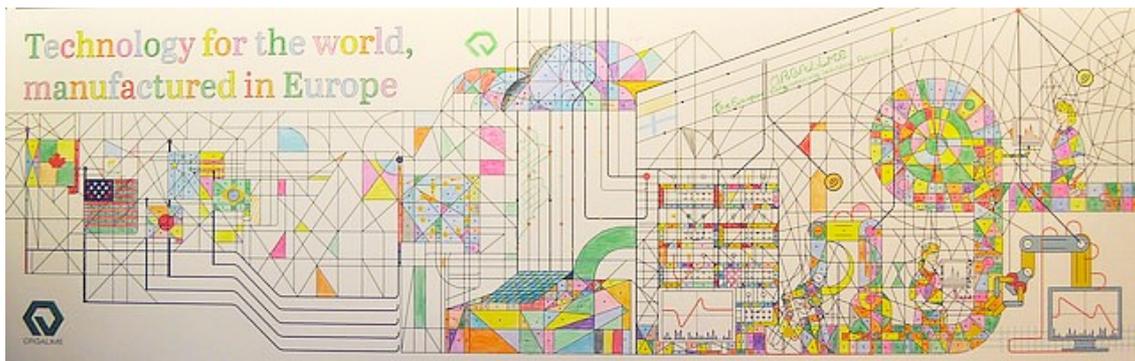
A vision for the future of European



Two and a half years ago, Orgalime published its Vision Paper 'Technology for the World – Manufactured in Europe'. The aim? To present the incoming European Commission and newly elected European Parliament with our vision for the future of the engineering industry – and how policymakers could help make it a success.

Now, it's time to take stock. Launched at the Orgalime General Assembly on 17 November, our updated Vision Paper outlines in detail where progress has been made over the last two years – and what remains to be done, or done better. With a turnover of 1900 billion euro and 10.9 million employed, we are an industry where both jobs and output are up. Let's make sure this goes on.

Read our priorities and recommendations in [an interactive online format](#) or [download in PDF](#).



Orgalime General Assembly - what we learned

The Orgalime autumn General Assembly was a colourful event – in more ways than one!

On 17 and 18 November, the European engineering community came together in Brussels to exchange news and views on the challenges on the ground in their home countries.

A public session on Thursday afternoon saw policymakers and leading industry figures give their take on the state of play in EU industrial policy, and insights into what Brexit might mean for the European engineering industry.

Read our [ten take-aways](#) to find out more.

Halfway mark for Horizon 2020: let's focus on excellence in industrial research

As the EU Commission prepares its mid-term review of the Horizon 2020 research and innovation (R&I) programme, Orgalime has contributed its position to the debate.

We view R&I funding as a valuable resource to industry, and believe that the best way for Horizon 2020 to boost competitiveness is to focus on European strengths – such as our engineering excellence and innovation.

Read our recommendations in detail [here](#).



Targeted R&I funding helps
European engineering sharpen its
competitive edge

Željko Pazin, Orgalime Director Trade, Legal, R&D&I

Urgent action needed on radio equipment standards

Once the Radio Equipment Directive comes into force in June, manufacturers will need access to over 200 harmonised standards to demonstrate compliance – yet a delay in approval processes means many are still not available.

We outlined the problem and urged swift action in an [open letter](#) to the relevant Vice President and Commissioners in December.

Now, we are pleased to see movement in the right direction, as the Commission takes pragmatic steps to speed up approval, at least on this core directive.

Orgalime will continue to push for further progress in this key issue for our many of our members.



Clean energy for all Europeans – let's make it happen now!

The last few weeks of 2016 heralded some big news in the world of EU energy policy: the Commission published its long-awaited 'winter package' of clean energy proposals.

Arriving hot on the heels of the Paris Agreement ratification, this promising set of proposals has the potential to boost energy efficiency while generating innovative jobs and growth.

Now, it's up to the legislators to make this potential a reality – as Orgalime makes clear in our [open letter](#) to the Energy Council and the European Parliament.

The Manufacturing at Heart podcast – streaming now!

What better way to beat the January blues than with some inspiring stories of European manufacturing: check out the latest instalments of the [Manufacturing at Heart podcast](#) for conversations with the movers and shakers of the engineering industry.



About Orgalime

Orgalime is the European federation representing the interests at the level

electronic and metal articles
industries as a whole.



8
associate members (European sector associations)



23
countries represented



10 million
direct workers



1900 billion
turnover (in 2015)



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