



IN BRIEF



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Welcome!

Welcome to the June edition of In Brief – your monthly round-up of Orgalime’s work on the policies impacting engineering in the EU.

Summer has well and truly arrived here in Brussels, and it has brought with it plenty of cause for a sunny disposition: not only do latest figures show continued growth in the European engineering industry, we are also finally starting to see some action on the need for an EU industrial strategy – something Orgalime has long been calling for.

Scroll down for the full story on these developments, plus news from our General Assembly and more...

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Orgalime's updated [Vision Paper](#) published late last year outlined our recommendations for a truly holistic approach to the EU policies that impact our industry. Not yet had a chance to read it, or fancy a recap? Check out our new video for a compact overview.



Discussions and decisions at the Orgalime General Assembly in Windsor

Orgalime's summer General Assembly drew industry leaders from across the European engineering community to Windsor, UK in the first week of June. Hosted by our British member associations Beama, Gambica and Eama, the event featured an action-packed programme tackling the hot topics facing the sector today – from Brexit, energy policy and standardisation, to the urgent need for a European industrial strategy.

The public programme was bookended by policy committee meetings and a formal decision-making agenda: we welcomed [new member C.E.F.A.C.D.](#), and Mr. Peter Bongaerts of Dutch member association FME was appointed Chairman of the Orgalime Board of Directors.

Connecting the dots for industry: the Orgalime Annual Report

June's General Assembly also saw the launch of our 2016-2017 Annual Report. This in-depth overview of our work over the last 12 months focuses on how we help connect the dots between the many EU policy fields affecting the engineering industry – with the aim of securing a competitive future for Europe. Explore the report on our [interactive online platform](#), or download the PDF [here](#).



A step closer to an ambitious EU industrial policy strategy

Orgalime's efforts to secure industry's place at the core of EU and Member State economic policy are bearing fruit: following a meeting on 29 May, the Competitiveness Council has [called on the Commission](#) to develop and deliver a holistic EU industrial policy strategy.

This move follows hot on the heels of the [joint declaration](#) signed by Orgalime and some 127 other European manufacturing associations. We remain convinced that the time for an ambitious EU industrial strategy is now: if Europe's Industrial Renaissance is to succeed, a joined-up approach will be a must. The Council's Conclusions are a promising step – now, the ball is in the Commission's court.

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Promoting clean energy as Strategic Partner of EU Sustainable Week 2017

conference, took place from 19 to 25 June – and as a Strategic Partner to the event, Orgalime had an active role to play in making it a success.

Kicking off proceedings was Director General Adrian Harris, who spoke at the [opening session](#) on a panel alongside other clean energy influencers such as Commissioner Arias Cañete. In policy conferences later in the week, Orgalime speakers tackled the issue of future [Energy Union governance](#), and we contributed our ideas to the debate on '[Flexible Energy Markets – New Players, New Rules](#)'.

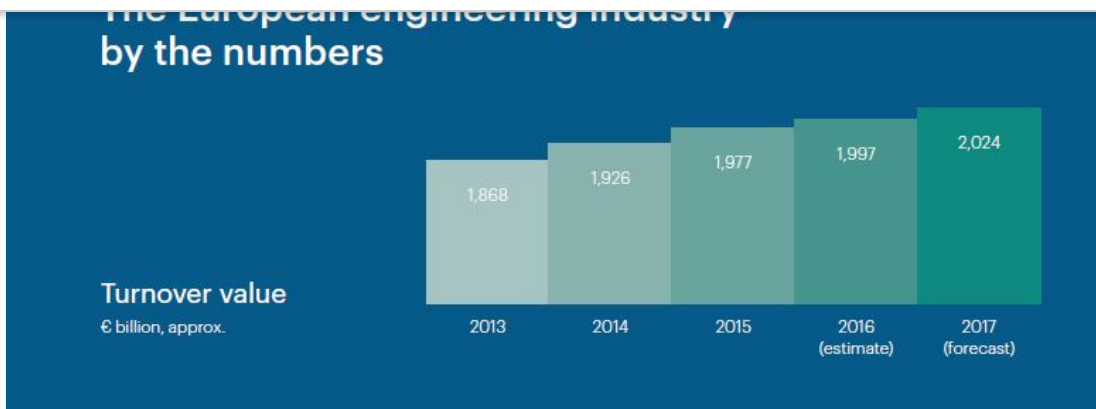
Our partnership with EUSEW 2017 reflects our deep and longstanding commitment to sustainable energy – and the week's events were the ideal platform to repeat [our call for tangible and timely results](#) on the Commission's Clean Energy Package.



Industry and research agree: ambitious FP9 is a must

As discussions continue on the shape and direction of the future EU R&D&I Framework Programme (FP9), Orgalime has joined forces with 22 key industrial and research stakeholders to call on European policymakers to develop an ambitious programme that supports EU industrial leadership.

Echoing the priorities set out in our recent [position paper](#), this [joint declaration](#) advocates for an increase in the overall EU R&D&I budget, a well-balanced three-pillar structure, and continued financial incentives in the form of grants for all actors in the value chain.



European engineering - still going strong

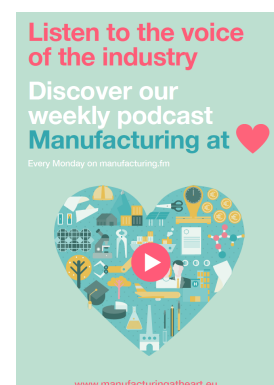
Despite the economic and political turbulence of recent years, the engineering sector continues to demonstrate remarkable resilience: the latest figures compiled by Orgalime's economists forecast that output and employment are set to grow again in 2017 – for the fourth year running. Turnover is predicted to break the €2,000 billion mark and the number of jobs directly provided by the industry is expected to exceed 11 million across Europe.

Full details including a breakdown by sector can be found [here](#). Needless to say, we believe our firms can do even better – once a supportive and comprehensive European industrial strategy is put in place!

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industries as a whole.



national member federations



9

associate members
(European sector associations)



23

countries represented



10.9 million

direct workers



1900 billion

turnover (in 2015)



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