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Welcome!

Welcome to the September edition of In Brief – the newsletter that keeps you up to date on the latest Brussels developments affecting engineering and manufacturing.

With the pace in the EU capital shifting up a gear as we move into September, there is a certain ‘back-to-school’ feeling in the air. And following Jean-Claude Juncker’s State of the European Union address last week, it’s clear that the Commission has been doing its homework: the Commission President’s speech touched on everything from trade to cybersecurity – and, most significantly for European engineering firms, saw the announcement of a new EU industrial policy strategy.

This is a welcome step: Orgalime has long been calling for recognition at EU level of the central role industry has to play in creating a strong European economy – and the need for a [holistic vision](#) that connects the dots between all policy areas affecting manufacturing. Yet with Juncker’s brief nod to industry just one of a long list of priorities, it remains to be seen how deep the commitment to manufacturing runs at Commission level.

Keep scrolling for more on this new industrial policy strategy and the other developments that have been keeping us busy over the last few weeks.



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EU industrial strategy - a step in the right direction

From the [Council Conclusions](#) in May to the [Industry4Europe](#) campaign uniting 127 EU associations, pressure has been mounting on the Commission to make clear its commitment to European manufacturing. Now, Jean-Claude Juncker and his team have responded, with the launch of a new industrial policy strategy.

The Communication ‘Investing in a smart, innovative and sustainable industry: A renewed EU Industrial Policy Strategy’ ties together multiple policy strands that impact on manufacturing investment: from digitisation to the Single Market and energy regulation, from skills and R&D to trade policy. This is precisely the sort of joined-up approach to industrial policy promoted by Orgalime – most recently in our updated [Vision Paper](#) – and Director General Adrian Harris has welcomed the strategy as “a step in the right direction”.

Read our take in full [here](#).



Watch our video outlining our vision for a renewed EU industrial policy strategy!

Future of Clean Energy in Europe

Orgalime paid a visit to the European Parliament at the beginning of September, hosting a dinner-debate in partnership with the European Forum for Manufacturing (EFM) on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) review.

Enhancing energy efficiency is a core element of the European Commission's Clean Energy Package - making the EPBD review an unmissable opportunity to help the EU achieve its climate goals, while moving towards an integrated modern energy system and improving the living conditions of European citizens.

The company representatives at the dinner-debate called for an ambitious report from Rapporteur Bendtsen to send a clear signal to the Council ahead of negotiations, with the aim of a final review that delivers on the potential of the Commission's proposal. Read the full story [here](#) or visit our [Flickr gallery](#) for pictures.



Orgalime weighs in on trade defence instruments

With talks between the European Parliament and Council on a new anti-dumping methodology ongoing, Orgalime has weighed in on the debate with a position paper on trade defence instruments.

We support a constructive and well-balanced trade defence policy that both ensures protection of the sectors affected by dumping, while taking into account legitimate free trade interests under fair competitive conditions. Yet we believe that any potential disruptions to the operations and supply chains of the European engineering industries must be avoided – as ours is an industry whose competitiveness is highly dependent on exports and, therefore, access to world markets.

[Download the full paper](#) to read more.

surveillance

Effective market surveillance is vital for the smooth operation of the Single Market – and, as a result, for the competitiveness of European manufacturing.

This is why Orgalime has repeatedly called for an enforcement framework at European level that is supported by Member States and facilitates compliance through education and guidance. The goal must be to minimise burdens on legitimate economic operators, while tightening control on the elusive few who try to cheat the system.

As the European Commission prepares its proposal on the enforcement of EU harmonisation legislation applying to products, Orgalime has released a position paper calling on the Commission to urgently put forward an ambitious text on market surveillance. Get the full picture [here](#).

Join us at the FT Future of Manufacturing Summit!



On 3 October 2017, the Financial Times Future of Manufacturing Summit will be held in London and Orgalime will once again be Partner Association to the event.

Focusing on the themes of ‘innovation – collaboration – transformation’, the summit will bring together key stakeholders from global manufacturing industries. Panellists will include Orgalime Director General Adrian Harris, who will discuss the interplay between government policy and manufacturers’ strategies in an era of technological disruption.

To find out more about the event and how to register, click [here](#). Delegates from companies within Orgalime’s member network qualify for a discounted rate, so please [contact the communications department](#) for further information!

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-  **9**
associate members
(European sector associations)
-  **23**
countries represented
-  **11 million**
direct workers
-  **2000 billion**
turnover (in 2016)

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