

The Director General

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CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL EUROPEANS PACKAGE:

JOBS, GROWTH and VISIBLE BENEFITS FOR EU CITIZENS A CALL TO MAKE IT HAPPEN NOW!

Brussels, 4 June 2018

Your Excellencies,

The move to a more sustainable future for our planet undoubtedly presents challenges, not least in terms of how we produce, consume and use energy. But it is clear that the global clean energy transition is irreversible – and that if Europe can lead this change, we have a unique chance to turn these challenges into opportunities. Securing a timely, ambitious outcome on the Clean Energy package will enable the EU to do just that. This is why the European technology industries represented by Orgalime are calling on you to finalise the remaining Clean Energy files in June 2018.

By supporting the move towards the decarbonisation, digitisation and decentralisation of our energy system, the Clean Energy package can help modernise the EU energy sector and promote sustainable development, while empowering citizens to manage their own energy consumption. Moreover, as European firms are already technology leaders in this sphere, putting the right framework in place can boost investment, strengthen the EU's global competitiveness, and lay the foundation for long-term growth, jobs and prosperity. In contrast, if Europe does not maintain its first-mover advantage in sectors like renewable energy, energy efficiency, or smart grids, other regions will be quick to take its place.

Delivering an ambitious outcome on the basis of the Commission's comprehensive Clean Energy package will put Europe at the forefront of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 7. Plus, it will contribute to achieving several of the Commission's ten headline priorities: from the Energy Union to the Digital Single Market, Circular Economy and jobs and growth agenda.

Translating this ambition into concrete action, as outlined in our recent <u>position paper</u>, means pursuing a number of objectives in the final texts of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), Renewable Energy Directive (RES), Governance Regulation and the Electricity Directive and Regulation. For example:

 A comprehensive approach of combining increased renewable energy ambition with increased energy efficiency ambition and effective gap filling mechanisms in the governance proposal - robust integrated national energy and climate plans and target corridors ("trajectories") set up in a transparent process with stakeholder involvement and implementing the Paris Agreement's carbon budget in the EU.

- A strong article 7 of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) on energy savings obligations, a
 Primary Energy Factor (PEF) of 2.0 in annex II EED and reinforced energy efficiency
 governance reporting.
- Strong consumer empowerment provisions in the draft Renewables Directive and market design proposals.
- A stable and reliable regulatory framework for renewable energies in Europe for both large and small-scale installations that prepares Europe for the co-existence of centralised and decentralised electricity generation.

The European technology industries represented by Orgalime are calling for the adoption of these policies, which present the opportunity to set a new global standard. We are convinced that delivering on a timely and ambitious final Clean Energy package can become that rarest of prizes in the political world: a win-win for all stakeholders – for our planet, for our citizens, and for the European technology industries driving this move to a sustainable future.

Yours sincerely,

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