

The President

**OPEN LETTER
TO ENERGY COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

**“CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL EUROPEANS” PACKAGE:
JOBS, GROWTH and VISIBLE BENEFITS FOR EU CITIZENS**

A CALL TO MAKE IT HAPPEN NOW!

Brussels, 2 December 2016

Your Excellencies, Honourable Members of the European Parliament,

Orgalime as the prime voice of European technology manufacturers is encouraged by the Commission’s comprehensive clean energy winter package as *the* follow up to the successful ratification of the Paris Agreement in the EU. The importance of this package in terms of generating innovative jobs and growth in Europe and of letting our citizens and workers enjoy the wide-ranging benefits of this reform cannot be overestimated.

Our industry is healthy and growing: employment in Orgalime’s sector has increased to reach over 10.9 million during the last two years and we expect another increase this year. Likewise, output is also on the rise, boosted by the digitisation of industry. Now we are calling for your support for a timely and ambitious final Energy Package to further potentiate this growth based on the following pillars:

- Implementing the mutually reinforcing **no-regrets-options of “more renewables, more energy efficiency and smart, flexible distribution grids”** to allow Europe to successfully manage the future co-existence of centralised and decentralised energy production.
- **Boosting the full potential of digitisation – empowering consumers:** reward consumers for the flexibility that they provide to the energy system and give them the right to self-produce and self-consume, to store, trade, sell, aggregate (including at district level) and participate in demand-response programmes. This will provide consumers with the satisfaction of managing their own energy consumption while optimising their overall carbon and environmental performance. Digitisation and automation and control systems will further boost overall efficiency and system stability and allow the development of new business services to the benefit of the economy.
- **Energy Efficiency First:** the Ecodesign Directive has been a success: it supported our industries’ energy efficiency agenda and today, through this Directive alone we contribute to realising almost half of the EU’s 2020 energy efficiency target. Moreover, the fully harmonised nature of ecodesign requirements has strengthened the internal market. This is good for consumers, the environment and industry. Now, this success needs to be carried forward to the systems into which these products are integrated: the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) are, we are convinced, the tools to achieve this and to maintain Europe’s technology leadership in this area. We count on your support for an ambitious energy efficiency target, coupled with concrete, binding measures (especially in article 7 EED and article 8 EPBD).

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- Finally, we also count on your support to propose a **Governance Scheme** that links Member States' Integrated National Energy and Climate Plans with the State of the Energy Union Report in all its five dimensions and foresees a **stakeholder consultation mechanism** at both, **national and EU level**.

The Commission's package embraces many of the opportunities stemming from European technology and consumer empowerment. Nevertheless, existing already available technologies would clearly allow a more ambitious approach especially in the areas of buildings. We count on your support for tapping into the potential for further efficiency: this will also provide real opportunity for generating further jobs, growth and energy savings. It would also help to maintain lead technology manufactured in Europe.

We are convinced that Europe can successfully modernise its energy system, providing both, clear benefits to consumers and much needed jobs and growth in Europe's economy.

We trust in your support and remain available for any further information that you and your teams may wish to obtain.

Yours sincerely,



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President

Orgalime, the European Engineering Industries Association, speaks for 41 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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