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## EU Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act: Why we need to include energy efficiency in industrial processes

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**Energy efficiency** is a cornerstone of the EU's pathway to a net-zero industry and a structural enabler for Europe to achieve higher levels of economic resilience, stability and security in an increasingly complex and volatile world. Automation and control systems can significantly reduce energy demand, optimise resource use, and cut greenhouse gas emissions across various sectors. Evidence from Germany alone shows that industrial process automation could deliver annual savings of 50 billion kWh, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 43 million tonnes, and generate over EUR 6 billion in annual energy cost savings, with attractive payback periods<sup>1</sup>.

The EU Taxonomy can play a key role in mobilising private capital for investments in energy efficiency and the clean industrial transformation in Europe, thus also contributing to higher levels of economic resilience, stability, and security. Investment momentum in the EU remains weak, as highlighted in the recent Commission's Single Market and Competitiveness Report<sup>2</sup>. At the same time, energy systems and prices in Europe have come again under severe pressure in light of recent geopolitical developments.

**Orgalim is greatly concerned that the Commission has failed to include a new activity related to the manufacture of energy efficiency equipment in industry in the proposed**

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[https://www.zvei.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Presse\\_und\\_Medien/Publikationen/2013/januar/More\\_energy\\_efficiency\\_through\\_process\\_automation/ZVEI\\_Energienutzung-englisch.pdf](https://www.zvei.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Presse_und_Medien/Publikationen/2013/januar/More_energy_efficiency_through_process_automation/ZVEI_Energienutzung-englisch.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/publications/2026-annual-single-market-and-competitiveness-report\\_en](https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/publications/2026-annual-single-market-and-competitiveness-report_en)

**revision of the Climate Delegated Act.** We recognise that the Commission's current focus is on the revision of existing activities, such as the revision of the existing activity (CCM 9.3: Energy efficiency services in buildings) to reflect the importance of energy efficiency services in industry, which we support. However, the targeted addition of energy efficiency equipment in industrial processes as a new economic activity would be key for the EU's industrial decarbonisation efforts and help to structurally strengthen Europe's economic resilience, stability, and security.

**We call for the targeted inclusion of a new enabling activity 'the manufacture of equipment optimising energy efficiency in industrial processes' under the environmental objective of Climate Change Mitigation, building on the work under the second mandate of the Platform on Sustainable Finance.**

We stand ready to continue working closely with the Commission and other policymakers to ensure the EU Taxonomy fully supports industrial decarbonisation, competitiveness, and investment in proven energy efficiency solutions.

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