

Brussels, 24/01/2025

Dear President von der Leyen,  
Dear President Costa,  
Dear President Metsola,

**Subject: Call for Action by the European Fuel Manufacturing Industry**

We, the undersigned CEOs and leading executives of companies of the EU fuel manufacturing industry, are writing to you at a crucial moment where **the successful transition of our industry – or lack thereof – will have repercussions across the EU economy**. The competitiveness of entire industrial value chains linked to our fuels and products supply (i.e. chemical & petrochemical, automotive, aviation, maritime, military), the security of the EU's energy supply, quality jobs, and the very achievement of the EU climate and circular economy goals will all be at stake if our sector is not given the business case to transform. **The EU's fuel manufacturing assets across Europe are strategic for the EU.**

**We fully support the EU's ambition to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 and request that the right policy framework is put in place** so that Europe's industry can transition to deliver essential low-carbon and renewable fuels and products and support the competitiveness and resilience of the EU, its national member states' economies, and societies.

The EU has set the goals and now it needs production and delivery. Today, our products, mainly of fossil origin, are already being progressively replaced by low-carbon and renewable products. These, in combination with electricity, hydrogen, carbon removal technologies and other low-carbon solutions will offer the optimal answer in terms of energy security, economic efficiency, affordability, resilience, a circular economy, social aspects and industrial competitiveness.

**The transition of the EU fuel manufacturing industry is essential to achieving the EU's 2050 climate neutrality objective.** It is instrumental to the decarbonisation of the transport sector, the chemical & petrochemical industry, and many others depending on our products. The transition requires a clear, comprehensive, and actionable strategy to ensure it is economically sustainable.

However, just like other energy-intensive industry sectors, Europe's refineries and petrochemical complexes **face a competitive disadvantage** with respect to importers or in global markets. Europe's high cost of energy, CO<sub>2</sub> and labour, combined with a comparatively heavier regulatory burden are undermining our ongoing base operations and making **Europe fail to deliver a compelling business case to invest in the transition.**

**We call on Europe's leaders to reconfirm their recognition of the fuel manufacturing industry as an essential and strategic sector and have it included in the Clean Industrial Deal.**

We therefore ask for the inclusion of a dedicated action plan which includes:

1. **Measures for our sector to remain competitive** today and throughout the transition.
2. **A reduction of excessive regulatory and administrative burdens.**
3. **A robust business case** and measures to attract investments for renewable and low-carbon liquid fuels and the transition of the refining industry in the EU.
4. **A roadmap for the scale-up** of domestic production of renewable fuels and products.
5. **A holistic and technologically neutral approach** enabling the contribution of low carbon and renewable fuels and products to the decarbonisation of transport and the industrial value chain.
6. **The creation of new value chains**, supporting feedstock availability & logistics.
7. **An operating plan** to monitor progress & implement corrective measures.

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Europe needs its domestic production of low-carbon and renewable fuels and products to achieve climate neutrality by 2050, and our industry can be the reliable pillar for the ramp-up of their production and the multi-billion investments that will be needed.

Europe cannot afford to lose the investments needed for the transition of its fuel manufacturing industry. A further relocation outside of the EU could have major impacts on Europe's strategic energy autonomy, industrial value chains, and loss of high-quality jobs and expertise.

A Clean Industrial Deal that ignores the strategic importance of a thriving fuel manufacturing industry and the significance of its transition in the EU journey towards climate neutrality, may have unforeseen consequences for the industrial, economic, social and climate goals of the EU.

The clock is ticking, but it is not too late, and we stand ready to collaborate with the European Commission and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of this strategic plan. Together, we can ensure that the EU fuel manufacturing industry continues to contribute to Europe's economic resilience, energy security and sustainability leadership.

Yours sincerely,



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