



Debate points for EU energy policy framework

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To achieve a more strategic and effective energy policy, Cefic and IFIEC Europe believe the EU energy policy debate must focus on:

- **recognition that the European Union needs a diverse and innovative industrial base;**
- policy to **encourage firms to stay in the EU market**, which avoids further reductions in productivity and prevents the erosion of jobs and economic growth;
- **a stronger and coordinated set of energy and climate policies drawn up with industry and academic experts** that lay out realistic carbon reduction goals linked to industrial, social and economic growth, including the cumulative impact on energy prices from climate change instruments;
- **developing and advancing new energy technologies** and setting realistic use criteria;
- **ensuring infrastructure development** based on guaranteed security of supply and transparency in use;
- **cost-efficient promotion of renewable energies**, including the hidden costs of standby plants, their location and efficiencies in power transmission;
- **the use of revenues from emission trading auctions** directed into **financing competitive clean technologies** research;
- **caution with unilateral EU actions** – ensure international debates over environmental standards, with real commitments, before placing constraints on EU industry;
- **progress towards genuinely competitive EU energy markets** where concerns over national constraints, opaque practices and artificially inflated pricing can be avoided; and
- **the need for greater emphasis on energy efficiency projects** as a more cost-efficient way to contribute to EU climate targets, especially voluntary initiatives, which lead to considerable reductions in both industry emissions and costs that can be expected to translate into similar benefits for the wider economy.

IFIEC, Cefic and energy policy

IFIEC Europe and Cefic represent energy-intensive industrial consumers where energy is a major component of operating costs and directly affects competitiveness.

About Cefic

Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council, is the Brussels-based organisation representing the European chemical industry. Created in 1972, it represents 29,000 companies that produce about a quarter of the world's chemicals and employ about 1.2 million people. To learn more about Cefic, visit its new website at www.cefic.org.

About IFIEC Europe

IFIEC Europe represents the interests of those industrial sectors for which energy is a significant component of production costs. IFIEC Europe's mission is to anticipate and to respond to the evolving requirements of those sectors by proposing policies that allow realistically priced energy to be available. This will allow them to continue to improve energy efficiency and environmental performance whilst ensuring international competitiveness both in Europe and throughout the world.

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