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## **RECOMMENDATIONS ON DRAFT REPORT OF RAPPORTEUR ERTUG: DEPLOYMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALTERNATIVE FUELS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION: TIME TO ACT!**

With the signature and ratification of the Paris Agreement, the EU committed to contribute to keeping global temperature increase to well below 2°C and to pursue efforts to limit increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

The European Technology Industries represented by ORGALIME believe that the **lack of infrastructure for recharging and refuelling, insufficient smart grid development and difficulties for consumers to easily use the infrastructure** hinder the wider use of vehicles and vessels running on alternative fuels today. An integrated approach is, indeed, needed to remove these barriers, which requires a common policy framework for vehicles, infrastructures, electricity grids, economic incentives and digital services across the EU, national, regional and local levels.

ORGALIME welcomes the draft report of MEP Ismail Ertug on **Deployment of Infrastructure for Alternative Fuels in the European Union: Time to Act!** which provides important momentum at a moment in time where commitment to sustainable transport infrastructures in the light of the Paris Agreement needs to gain in importance.

In particular, **we recommend adopting the following amendments** since highly relevant for the modernisation of transport infrastructure and a healthier environment and cleaner air for European citizens:

- **Amendments 79 and 93**, which call on all Member States to develop and implement their National Policy Frameworks (NPFs): these are essential to attracting private investment in charging infrastructure projects. The somewhat moderate ambition of the Member States to support alternative fuels is also a consequence of the soft requirements established by Article 4.1 of Directive 2014/94/EU on the Deployment of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure (DAFI). Therefore, we support your Rapporteur's suggestion to set up mandatory objectives in the upcoming revision of DAFI.
- **Amendment 58**, which calls for building in smart charging for recharging points from the beginning: smart charging will be an enabler for the smooth integration of EVs into the energy system while increase consumer satisfaction and transparency.
- **Amendments 73, 88, 91, 95, 97, 98 and 107** which call for adequate support in the future EU multiannual financial framework and its related financial instruments, including the European Structural and Investment Funds, the new InvestEU programme, the revised Connecting Europe Facility and new Horizon Europe programme.

*Orgalime, the European Technology Industries, speaks for 45 trade federations representing the mechanical, electrical, electronic, metalworking & metal technologies industries of 23 European countries. The industry employs nearly 11 million people in the EU and in 2017 accounted for some €2000 billion of output. The industry represents over a quarter of the output of manufactured products and over a third of the manufactured exports of the European Union.*

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- **Amendments 44 and 55** that acknowledge the need to maximise synergies between transport, energy and telecommunications through the integration of smart grid technologies.
- **Amendment 115**, which requests a centralised, publicly available map of available charging infrastructure to increase consumer acceptance.
- **Amendments 109, 110 and 112** that support incentivising the uptake of alternative fuels and removing existing barriers through the **EU's energy taxation framework**. We support the call for the removal of burdensome taxation on electricity used for shore-side electricity supply for ships on ports to obtain valuable gains in air quality and noise reduction.

Orgalime representing the European Technology Industries stand ready as stakeholders to actively contribute to these important actions, which, in our view, will not only contribute to realising our transport, energy, climate and environmental objectives, but at the same time increase consumer satisfaction and overall societal well-being. Besides, such a proactive, innovative policy would also secure the EU's position as the home of leading-edge ICT-enabled industrial innovation, generating local jobs and growth in Europe.



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