

SUMMARY OF ENERGY WG DEBATE ON ORGALIME'S SUGGESTED FURTHER FOCUS OF WORK IN THE AREA OF ENERGY

The Energy WG met on 16 April 2015. Participants drafted this input and suggestions for the Board's debate and pending decision concerning Orgalime's work programme in the area of energy scheduled for 24.04.2015.

1. Has the Energy Union Communication taken up our issues? What should be our further priorities?

The Energy Union Communication gives promising signs and a lot of strengthened messages in line and/or in the direction of our stated positions (notably on the three priorities communicated to Mr Tusk ahead of the Summit, being energy efficiency first, creating a link to the digital agenda and the need for re-designing the electricity market). The details are now critical in the implementation and should be accompanied thoroughly.

The WG assessed in detail the announced follow up legislative initiatives to come from the Energy Union Communication and accompanying Roadmap in the light of Orgalime's priorities (see next entry).

2. Is a change of our work programme and/or structures needed?

Orgalime has now managed to become a recognised and credible partner of the institutions; its input is well received and taken up in policies to a considerable extent. Participants do not see a need for a change of Orgalime's work programme or today's structures in the area of energy.

The six work streams discussed at the last meeting are fitting well into the context of the Energy Union Communication and Orgalime's existing work programme, however appear too detailed – the WG sees a need to better streamline them, notably as follows:

- Ensuring coherence of energy policy with other policy areas, in particular:
 - with industrial policy and digital agenda: this is an opportunity to build a new industry in Europe and make industrial renaissance happen.
 - with the research policy work of Orgalime through a solid focus on technology development and deployment
- Security of supply and the new energy transition: secure a robust, secure system (related to issues of infrastructures, interconnections, also for gas)
- A functioning and integrated EU internal energy market (IEM): lobby for a proper new market design; these IEM positions should also be used to feed into the announced new RES package
- Energy efficiency (in particular drive the EPBD review towards connected buildings; look at transportation and continue underpinning the ongoing reviews Ecodesign, Energy Label, EED).
- Climate: look at the reform of the ETS and convey key messages; take a positive stand on COP21 and related global carbon price initiative

The WG feels that Orgalime has an agreed work programme, which generally encompasses the earlier six and further streamlined priorities, and is fit as a basis for our further work on the Energy Union follow up.

3. How far should Orgalime focus on a market driven approach?

• Should Orgalime have a greater focus on ensuring a market for companies?

The WG believes that with the current focus (a "market driven approach" in the context of Electra and a complementary policy/regulatory approach via the Energy WG and its TFs), we are on the right track. The organisation has built up credibility and is recognised now as a strong stakeholder by the COM and a different one since very horizontal and strategic.

“Helping to sell equipment” should not become a goal in itself: a lot of controverse questions would arise, such as which members to help and for what reasons? Competition issues and conflicting interests would come up. A market driven approach would require a change of the entire focus of Orgalime’s work today, shifting from a policy focus to a marketing/communication of technologies focus, which would also imply a change of our target groups (fairs etc. instead of policy makers). Losing the results achieved over the last 2 years would be one consequence.

Orgalime’s role should be to ensure better conditions to help companies to produce in Europe and to help better market conditions and a level playing field for companies to fairly compete in. A healthy manufacturing base should be the focus, which then helps companies selling equipment as a consequence.

The Internal Energy Market issue is of critical importance in this context: Orgalime should pursue a fully liberalised, completed holistic energy market with demand and supply on equal footing and greater end use participation in the retail segment through a paradigm shift of placing the consumer at the core.

- **What relationship of the Energy WG with the Advanced Manufacturing WG?**
 - Mutual communication and reflection of each other’s positions is considered important – the issues are linked and need a coherent answer from Orgalime.
 - Energy positions have included the relevant positions of the Advanced Manufacturing WG in the past.
 - The WG is ready to provide examples and work out energy related messages related to other working groups, including the Advanced Manufacturing WG.
 - Members are encouraged to well coordinate their participation and messages for both groups.

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