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Dear Energy Ministers

### **Hardwiring investment-orientated post-2030 renewable energy targets and frameworks**

Ahead of the TTE Council scheduled for 26 June, we urge you to confirm your commitment to an independent, prosperous and competitive Europe by endorsing a robust framework that accelerates renewable energy investments post-2030.

The Renewable Energy Directive has proven to be one of Europe's most effective examples of industrial policy. It has nurtured countless industries, provided high-quality employment and fostered technological excellence. Europe's renewable energy sectors employ over 1,8 million direct and 4,5 million indirect professionals, contribute over €150 billion to the EU's GDP, and over €200 billion in the purchase of raw materials such as steel, aluminium, copper and cement. Renewable energy is foundational to Europe's strength, resilience and independence as witnessed against the backdrop of conflict in Ukraine and the Middle East.

The EU spent €336 billion on fossil fuel imports in 2025. This bill is set to rise further in 2026, undermining Europe's energy security and competitiveness. Meanwhile, Europe's installed renewable energy capacity, which only comprised 25.2% of final energy consumption in 2024, saved €54.1 billion from imported fossil energy in 2025.

The direction of travel is clear. Accelerating the uptake of renewable electricity, heating and cooling is fundamental to Europe's energy security. The same is true for grids, thermal networks, storage, demand response and mineral extraction.

Investor confidence is of paramount importance. Channelling significant volumes of capital into rewiring Europe's economy is the primary objective. Dramatic changes to the current investment-inducing Renewable Energy Directive must be avoided.

Therefore, the post-2030 energy framework must incorporate the following:

- A **binding and ambitious EU renewable energy security** target to 2040. This is essential for investor confidence and critical for European supply chains to plan for industrial deployment. The **innovative renewables** as well as the **renewable heating and cooling** targets should also be extended to 2040. Innovative renewables need specific regulatory

and financial measures to bend their cost curves, drive market uptake and ensure market visibility needed to attract private investment and scale up manufacturing in Europe.

- **EU funds** should be rewired to maximise private capital leverage for the rapid deployment of renewable energy capacity, infrastructure and commercialisation of innovative technology.
- A steering committee should be established to fast-track implementation of **permitting rules** and the harmonisation of digitalised and time-bound systems, as well as apply to all renewables, including subsurface and underwater applications.
- The **Governance Regulation** should be transformed into investment blueprints with robust indicators. They should measure essential outcomes ranging from the roll out of renewable energy capacity, the displacement of imported fossil energy in electricity generation, heating, storage, electrification of industry, mobility and transport, increased manufacturing capacity, infrastructure, technological innovation, employment, the number of permitting issuances for renewable capacity and manufacturing capacity, reductions in the time for permitting decisions, and the reduction of taxes on renewable energy capacity as well as taxes on electricity consumption.
- **EU-wide technology-specific renewable energy auctions** are needed to boost renewable capacity and manufacturing facilities to deliver energy independence by 2040.

We look forward to working with you to protect Europe and ensure its prosperity.

Yours sincerely

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