

EU umbrella associations of energy-intensive industries jointly state their position on energy crisis

A total of ten European umbrella associations from different energy-intensive industries have turned to the heads of state or government of the EU member states owing to the massive rise in energy prices. Among the undersigned associations is Cepi, the Confederation of European Paper Industries.

For Europe's competitiveness on a global scale, the achievement of the "Fit for 55" goals and the transition towards the 2050 climate neutrality objective, it is essential to support measures that

enable the availability of abundant and reliable renewable energy at affordable cost, state the undersigned organisations in their position paper.

Europe's energy-intensive industries employ around 2.6 million people. According to the associations, these industries form the basis of many critical and strategic value chains and are deeply rooted in European society providing technologies, solutions and materials to every possible economic sector.

According to the position paper, energy costs constitute the most prominent share of industrial production and operating costs. Therefore, persistently high energy prices threaten both the European industry's ability to continue production and to stay competitive in a global market.

The undersigned organisations feel that the lasting impact of the current crisis is "deeply concerning". They are firmly of the opinion that the current upsurge in energy prices endangers the European industry's post-pandemic recovery and their capacity to invest in further industrial transformation before 2030 in order to achieve the climate targets. □