

## POSITION PAPER

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### ON THE ROAD TO SIBIU: A CALL TO SUPPORT A REINVIGORATED EUROPE AND INDUSTRIAL RENAISSANCE FOR A CLEAN PLANET

The future of Europe's technology industries is inextricably linked with the future of Europe and vice versa. In the next ten years, technological innovation can create change at a pace never seen before and open up immense opportunities for Europe if the right choices are made now. Orgalim has a [2030 industry vision for a renewed Europe](#) that is centered on three strategic imperatives:

- embracing the innovation-led transformation of European industry
- enabling European industry's long-term global leadership
- transforming societal challenges into future drivers of prosperity

Leading the global response to climate change, with the EU paving the way for global climate neutrality, will in our view be center stage to Europe's future policy agenda. According to the IPCC report, implementing the Paris Agreement requires a global effort to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Europe should place itself within this objective. We call on European leaders gathering at the Sibiu Summit to join forces and focus all efforts on turning this global challenge into an opportunity and competitive advantage for EU citizens and EU industry alike: green, sustainable jobs and growth in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals will drive further prosperity and welfare in Europe while protecting our planet.

Clearly, implementing the Paris process and laying out Europe's roadmap for 2050 means more than setting targets. Determined action and concrete measures in the next decade, and in particular an ambitious implementation of the clean energy package in Member States, are critical to setting us on the right path. Putting energy efficiency first, and setting up and rolling out timely national energy and climate plans based on concrete national steps and contributions, are among the no regrets measures. Others include driving systemic change to promote the sustainable use of resources and 'do more with less'; substituting the most polluting energy carriers; ensuring more electrification and alternative fuels deployment in the transport, buildings and industry sectors; supporting more sector coupling including power-to-x solutions; unlocking investment in high-tech infrastructures; and massively promoting research and development.

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Increasing innovation through technology neutrality and investing in industrial innovation, including in digital technologies and clean technology, will be essential as much as an overall climate-proof multiannual financial framework and usable sustainable finance taxonomy. Qualified majority voting for energy taxation would in our view be a tool to be further explored, too.

Accelerating digitalisation is a prerequisite for achieving the climate goals: it allows new services and business models to develop and enables a clean energy transition to climate neutrality that is cost-efficient. Furthermore, Europe has an opportunity to lead in the race to digitalise the business-to-business sector, including in developing the proper policy response to new challenges such as cybersecurity or data management.

Finally, the EU roadmap needs to be linked with global climate efforts: Orgalim believes in a structured dialogue between stakeholders and policy makers for a successful energy transition and with its trading partners to promote the exchange of know-how on carbon price trading systems and sequentially fair free trade of environmental goods (for example, avoiding carbon leakage).

To conclude, for Orgalim, economic prosperity, global industrial competitiveness and climate policy are mutually reinforcing. The future of Europe in our view needs a holistic Industrial Policy which embraces the climate agenda. Europe's technology industries are a strategic partner for innovation led transformation, enabling EU leadership in achieving global climate neutrality and transforming societal challenges into drivers of growth and competitiveness for a reinvigorated, reindustrialised Europe.

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