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Open letter to EU Policy Makers

Dear Commissioner,

**Energy Intensive Industries and industriAll call for
an R&I Mission on Carbon Neutral Industry & Low CO2 Emission Technologies**

The EU Energy Intensive Industries (EII) are engaged in a constructive dialogue with the EU Commission about the transition to a low-carbon economy and in this framework, they have commissioned a study to the Institute for European Studies (IES) - Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). The recently released [report](#) describes a combination of possible key solutions for significant GHG emission reductions and the necessary framework conditions to ensure that our industries enable the society-wide energy transition, while remaining competitive and innovative.

One of the key enablers is an **ambitious R&I programme** that addresses the main challenges towards competitive low-CO2 processes in EII as well as adequate support for demonstration of advanced low-CO2 technologies to improve market readiness.

In the framework of the Horizon Europe programme proposed by the EU Commission to boost Europe's innovation capacity, competitiveness and jobs in 2021 – 2027, and specifically to the R&I Mission approach, **we believe that it is of the utmost importance that an R&I Mission is dedicated to Carbon Neutral Industry & Low CO2 Emission Technologies.**

The EU Commission is due to present its views on the Horizon Europe programme before the Member States on 15 October 2018. The undersigned recommend that you support the inclusion of above Mission with a view to support the EII's potential to innovate while preserving the industry's competitiveness and role as a key driver of economic growth in Europe.

We are confident that you will take our recommendation into consideration and remain at your full disposal for any additional information on our contribution to the European Commission's Strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Yours sincerely,

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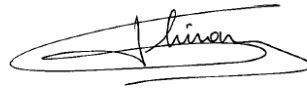
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