

Thursday, 15 June 2017

Dear Environment, Climate, and Energy Ministers,

Europe's collective leadership on climate action has blazed a trail for others to follow. EU ambition and diplomacy was crucial to achieving the Paris Agreement and now the EU must demonstrate that it will deliver on this ambition.

Despite other important and pressing challenges, Europe must continue to show leadership on climate change. It needs to grow the innovative, efficient and low carbon industries of the future. Europe must embrace the opportunities that addressing climate change provides in order to promote economic growth, jobs and prosperity throughout the European Union.

Other major economies are committing to increasingly ambitious climate action. This combined with their high growth rates, will be transformative. In recent years, China's investment in low carbon energy has equalled and exceeded Europe's, while India is committed to a solar revolution. Both countries also have high ambitions for electric vehicles, with India contemplating a target of 100 per cent electric by 2030. European industries must adapt to this low carbon future in order to survive.

Signatories to this letter, although from a variety of sectors and interests, know from their experience that ambition is a better driver for jobs, growth, and investment than caution and timidity. Achieving the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement will require Europe to move beyond business as usual.

We ask you therefore to remember when taking decisions on the Clean Energy Package dossiers, Effort Share and Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) at forthcoming Energy and Environment Council meetings, that the businesses undersigned – and many more like them - will support an ambitious approach. The world needs European leadership, knowledge, and experience now more than ever.

Yours sincerely,

