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### The Gas Turbine Industry publishes Election Manifesto for a strong European industry and a climate-neutral economy

**Brussels, 23 April 2019:** EUTurbines – representing the interests of the whole sector of the gas and steam turbine industry – today published its [Election Manifesto](#) in view of the EU elections for the European Parliament at the end of May summarising the association’s key asks for the upcoming 2019-2024 European legislature.

“Europe faces many challenges when it comes to marrying the need for decarbonisation and ensuring economic growth and skilled jobs,” said EUTurbines Secretary General Ralf Wezel. “Our Manifesto provides meaningful and relevant recommendations to Europe’s decision-makers, which can realistically be implemented during the next legislative term.”

The Manifesto is built around three key pillars, namely the need for Europe’s future energy system to not only be decarbonised and renewable-based, but also inclusive, reliable and cost-efficient; the obligation to secure economic growth and skilled jobs, therefore encouraging industry to continue manufacturing in Europe and enabling the export of Europe’s industrial excellence globally; and finally to guarantee a world-class research and innovation framework to ensure that industrial knowhow and excellence remains in Europe.

“EU citizens have high expectations of the next European Parliament and European Commission when it comes to accelerating decarbonisation and economic growth – and rightly so,” added Ralf Wezel.

“We are also doing our bit. Earlier this year, EUTurbines members published a set of [ambitious commitments](#) to drive the transition of gas power generation to renewable gas, in line with the EU’s 2050 goal of a climate neutral economy. This demonstrates the gas turbine industry’s commitment to support the transformation of the European gas grid into a renewable-based system by overcoming technical challenges and ensuring that this transformation takes place swiftly.”

Ralf Wezel concluded: “Both our Election Manifesto and Commitments represent calls to action to Europe’s decision-makers and stakeholders, all of whom have a critical role to play in driving Europe’s transition to a decarbonised energy mix. EU citizens are relying on us to act, and there is no time to lose.”

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#### *About EUTurbines*

EUTurbines is the only association of European gas and steam turbine manufacturers. Its members are Ansaldo Energia, Doosan Skoda Power, GE Power, MAN Energy Solutions, Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems, Siemens and Solar Turbines.

EUTurbines advocates an economic and legislative environment for European turbine manufacturers to develop and grow R&I and manufacturing in Europe and promotes the role of turbine-based power generation in a sustainable, decarbonised European and global energy mix.

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