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Horizon Europe – ITRE Committee vote:

Energy efficiency, flexibility and renewable gases rightfully taken on board

R&I support is crucial to ensure the transition towards a reliable, cost-efficient and decarbonised energy system. It is therefore important that the future EU R&I framework programme “Horizon Europe” adequately includes all areas contributing to this goal.

Ralf Wezel, Secretary General of EUGINE and EUTurbines, has expressed his support to the reports of MEP Dan Nica and MEP Christian Ehler on Horizon Europe as adopted by the ITRE parliamentary committee today: “We very much welcome the ITRE Committee’s request to increase the overall budget to €120 billion and appreciate the revised specific programme description, especially the Cluster *Climate, Energy and Mobility*”. In his view, this cluster now fully covers:

- the development of highly efficient solutions for low-carbon or decarbonised power generation,
- the importance of flexibility (also in generation) and sector-coupling,
- the need to separately address industrial facilities in the energy transition,
- the potential of Power-to-Gas, hydrogen and other synthetic gases as well as infrastructure and technologies adaptations for these storage concepts.

Further, Ralf Wezel also agrees with MEP Ehler’s request to start the negotiations with the Council soon: “EUGINE and EUTurbines believe that the decision-making process should be accelerated, and we encourage the Council to engage in the negotiations as soon as possible. Only the finalisation of the Horizon Europe files in the coming months will allow the next EU’s framework programme to be ready for 2021!”

Note for the editor:

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