

Press Release

2030 Climate and Energy Package must address EU competitiveness gap, says non-ferrous metals industry

Brussels, 21st October 2014 - Two days before the European Council meets to set the basic framework for the EU's 2030 Climate and Energy Package, Eurometaux, the European association of non-ferrous metals, warns against measures that would further hamper the global competitiveness of Europe's non-ferrous metals industry.

Eurometaux President Oliver Bell emphasised that *“unilateral regulatory costs from the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) have made it increasingly difficult for European metals companies to mobilise new investments into facilities and innovation. Long-term predictability and protection is required to effectively prevent the risk of further carbon and investment leakage”*.

Bell went on to clarify that *“political intervention into the Emissions Trading System without shielding mechanisms for industry – as has been recently proposed through the European Commission's Market Stability Reserve mechanism - would only widen the competitiveness gap faced by European metals companies, strengthening the case for investing outside of Europe”*.

These statements were supported by Guy Thiran, Eurometaux's Director General, who elaborated that *“by first implementing an EU-wide scheme to compensate energy-intensive industries – in particular the non-ferrous metals industry - for their indirect costs from the revised ETS, the EU can guarantee long-term predictability while ensuring an effective EU ETS that keeps its market-orientated function”*.

More information is available through Eurometaux's [Position Paper](#).

About Eurometaux

Eurometaux, the European non-ferrous metals association, represents the enterprises and organisations that make up the broad non-ferrous metals supply chain – from mining and refining to processing, fabrication and recycling. Europe's non-ferrous metals industry represents 2% of EU GDP and creates 500,000 direct jobs and over 3 million indirect jobs in Europe.

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