

## Press Release

# Non-ferrous metals industry calls for improvement of Circular Economy Package, rather than withdrawal

**Brussels, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014** - Eurometaux, the European non-ferrous metals association, has yesterday addressed a letter to Frans Timmermans, the European Commission's First Vice-President, to express its concern about the potential withdrawal of the Circular Economy Package from the Commission's 2015 work programme. Although our industries have certain reservations about the Commission's proposal and believe that a number of improvements are needed, Eurometaux still welcomes the Package as an important attempt to promote quality recycling.

While welcoming the Circular Economy Package, Eurometaux has particularly emphasised that equivalent conditions for recycling must be required wherever waste is treated, so as to ensure a global level playing field and support quality recyclers. The Package's recycling targets should also be realistic, notably with regard to the calculation methods and time horizon.

Guy Thiran, Eurometaux Director General, summarised that *"Eurometaux conveys its support to further use of the inter-institutional process, in close cooperation with relevant stakeholders, to improve the proposed measures of the Circular Economy Package so that it can enforce conditions needed to boost recycling, as well as enhance industrial competitiveness and support growth and employment in Europe"*.

Eurometaux's letter also expresses concern about the Medium Combustion Plants (MCP) proposal which is part of the Air Quality Package, suggesting that the MCP proposal should be withdrawn and possibly re-tabled to avoid any overlap with the Industrial Emissions Directive.

### **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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