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## OPEN LETTER

Dear Vice-President Oettinger,

With the expected decision on the 2030 Climate and Energy Package at the end of the month, the European Council will set a direction which will determine the evolution of our energy system for decades to come.

Such a strategic decision needs to be based on all available information. In this respect, a far-reaching assessment of the costs and subsidies present in the energy sector is key for an informed debate.

Quantified data on current and past subsidies are key to assess the economic efficiency of public support, as these will show if and how technology costs have declined over time as a result of state intervention. Similarly important for the policy debate, an analysis of externalities and subsidies will help understand which elements are currently not correctly reflected in energy prices.

When the Commission presented its Communication "Delivering the internal electricity market and making the most of public intervention" in November 2013, you personally committed to present a study on full energy costs and public interventions before the summer of 2014.

Since then, we have appreciated the complete and open consultation process that has been held through the study "*Energy subsidies and costs in the EU*" which is now finalised. **We now call on you to ensure that this study will be made public well before the next European Council, and not delayed further.**

We trust that you will share our view that the European Commission is the guarantor of transparent and timely information.



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