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Subject: Support for a dedicated follow-up of the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme

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Dear Mr. Barroso,

Dear President of the European Commission,

We, a group of stakeholders active in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, would like to express our strong support for a dedicated follow-up of the successful Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) programme.

The recently issued Multi-annual Financial Framework has as core objective to drive the Europe2020 Strategy. One of the five headlines of the Strategy to achieve a smart, inclusive and sustainable growth are the 2020 climate, energy efficiency and renewable energy targets. The Intelligent Energy Europe programme directly contributes to the achievement of these targets addressing non-technical institutional, financial and behavioural barriers in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Moreover through its decentralised actions, the IEE facilitates EU policy implementation, an element which is strongly needed in the European Union. This programme closely involves thousands of stakeholders, SMEs & companies by empowering them to take on the goals set at EU level. It also enables day by day the sharing of sustainable best practices touching millions of EU citizens.

A recent report made by independent auditors concluded that the activities supported by the IEE are “the most appropriate to meet the objectives set”, the means put in place “could be increased to better facilitate achievement of the overarching objectives of the programme, especially given the limited time remaining to achieve these before 2020 and the delays incurred to date vis-à-vis certain sustainable energy development objectives”. All in all, “the programme is one of a kind, adding high value to have a successor to the IEE II.”

The European Commission should continue this very constructive programme: Hence, we sincerely hope that the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme will remain as a dedicated and visible

programme under DG Energy with an increased budget managed by the EACI to enable the European Commission to pursue its significant mission.

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