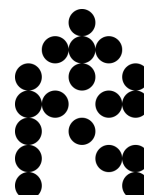


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We, the undersigned, welcome the European Commission's proposal to bring municipal waste incineration into the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS). We call on the European Parliament and the Council of the EU to maintain this inclusion as the legislation moves forward.

As a coalition of businesses, trade associations and civil-society organisations, we believe that achieving Europe's climate and competitiveness objectives requires a policy framework that supports both emissions reduction and the more efficient use of resources. Getting the economic signals right is essential to creating the conditions for investment in prevention, reuse, recycling and circular solutions.

A consistent carbon signal across waste-management options helps ensure that climate impacts are properly reflected in economic decisions. Since a large share of CO₂ emissions from waste incineration comes from destroying recyclable and reusable materials, including municipal waste incineration in the EU ETS would create a clear price signal discouraging material destruction. It would strengthen the economic case for investment in recycling and reuse, reinforce incentives for more resource-efficient choices across the waste hierarchy, thereby supporting greater investment and innovation in circular solutions.

Making better use of resources is increasingly important for Europe's competitiveness and resilience. Keeping materials in productive use for as long as possible and increasing the availability of secondary raw materials will reduce demand for virgin raw materials and strengthen European value chains. In turn, this can help reduce exposure to volatile global commodity markets and support Europe's wider objectives on resource security, industrial resilience and competitiveness.

We therefore call on the European Parliament and the Council of the EU to maintain the inclusion of municipal waste incineration in the EU ETS. This will provide a clear and consistent signal that supports Europe's climate objectives while encouraging more efficient use of resources and investment in circular solutions. It is an important step towards a European economy that is not only low-carbon, but also more resource-efficient, resilient and competitive.

Yours sincerely,

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