



SUPPORT STATEMENT TO THE WRITTEN DECLARATION 16/2007

ON ESTABLISHING A DISTRIBUTED GREEN HYDROGEN ECONOMY AND ADVANCING A THIRD INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN EUROPE
THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMITTED REGIONS AND CITIES, SMEs, AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

(introduced by MEPs Guidoni, Gurmai, Prodi, Turmes and Wijkman)

THE EU ENERGY DEBATE IS NOT FOR ENERGY PRODUCERS AND SUPPLIERS ONLY

The European Union and its citizens are now well aware of the challenges raised by the **sunset of the current fossil fuel energy era**. The serious repercussions from greenhouse gases and from the dependence on unstable foreign energy require a radical transition to a **new model based on the immense potential of renewable energy sources**.

THE EU MUST LEAD THE WAY BY PROMOTING A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR FUTURE ENERGY SOLUTIONS.

We believe that the vision of a **post fossil fuel/post nuclear, decentralised energy model** proposed by the **Written Declaration 16/2007** will have positive **economic, environmental and social impacts in Europe and in other parts of the world**.

On the **economic side**, this new energy model will **create jobs and more business opportunities for SMEs, Co-operatives and for the European industry** as a whole, by stimulating **technological innovation and markets in sectors in which European companies are world leaders**, and contributing to **knowledge-based growth and competitiveness**. Also it will help the development of a stronger social economy and co-operative sector.

From an **environmental perspective**, this model based on **sustainable use of natural resources** will ensure that **energy is produced in a way that is fully compatible with the natural cycle of the global environment**. It will also **ensure the preservation of a quality human lifestyle for future generations**, helping to fully integrate the humankind in the Earth's ecosystems.

At the **social and political level**, this **decentralised energy model** will suit the **modern generations open systems' logic**, will give a **new role to local authorities** and will help eliminate the underlying factors having contributed to violent conflicts and political instability causing social injustice around the world. By ensuring energy independence, it will also enhance domestic political stability and extend Europe's influence in the world.

50 years after its creation, the EU can inspire a major new vision aimed at empowering humankind with its own energy to fulfil its dreams, its aspirations and its mission in life.

**FOR THE ABOVE REASONS WE ASK EVERY MEP TO JOIN THIS MOVEMENT AND
SIGN THE WRITTEN DECLARATION N. 16/2007!**



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