

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

We represent major original equipment manufacturers in Europe's transmission and distribution sector who are committed to making our power grids clean and safe by ensuring the electricity system is free of F-gases.

Within the context of the F-Gas Regulation, **we would like to reiterate our call for the plenary vote on 29 March to support the agreement reached by the ENVI Committee and follow its position including regarding the ban of F-gases for new switchgear installations (Annex IV, point 23).**

The future of our grids is in your hands: with the revision of the F-Gas Regulation, the EU will make a decision on how to replace the commonly used, but harmful greenhouse gas SF₆ (global warming potential of 25,200 times higher than an equivalent amount of CO₂, and an atmospheric lifetime of 3,200 years). This is an opportunity to ensure we will have a power grid that will run on **technologies with zero impact on climate, environment, and workers.**

The alternatives to replace harmful SF₆ gases are already available as matured technologies and products: natural origin gases (N₂, O₂ and CO₂). Additional investments to manage the increased demand for renewables are being executed.

We therefore encourage you to send a clear signal to the market that **F-gases in switchgears are no longer needed.** Our signatories, which collectively are present in all 27 EU member states, representing over 250,000 jobs in the EU, are ready to make their contribution.

We thank you for your interest and remain at your disposal for any questions.

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