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Dear Members,

This week we welcomed many of you to Brussels for our summer General Assembly (GA), with a networking dinner on Tuesday evening followed by Policy Committee meetings and the formal General Assembly meeting on Wednesday. This email will recap the main outcomes from these two days.



[Appointment of Deputy President and Vice President](#)

I am pleased to announce that the GA elected Rada Rodriguez, CEO Schneider Electric GmbH Germany and SVP Strategy & Alliances, as Deputy President of Orgalim; and Christophe Lautray, Managing Director Linde Materials Handling, as Vice President. These new roles will reinforce Orgalim's governance for the coming years, complemented by the formalisation of a Presidents' Board composed of CEO-level representatives of European technology companies.

[Changes to the Orgalim Board of Directors](#)

The GA also made a number of decisions related to the Board of Directors. Two new members were appointed to the Board: Jaakko Hirvola, CEO of Technology Industries of Finland, and Maria Antonietta Portaluri, Director General of ANIE. In addition, the General Assembly approved the renewed Board membership of Klaus Mittelbach, CEO of ZVEI.

[New member associations](#)

The GA formally approved and welcomed three new member associations: CECAPI, the European coordinating committee representing associations of manufacturers of electrical

installation equipment; FARECOGAZ, the European association of manufacturers dealing with the gas metering chain; and T&D Europe, the European association of the electricity transmission and distribution equipment and services industry. Representing three innovative branches of the technology industries, these new members are set to bring their valuable expertise and point of view to Orgalim's work, helping us deliver on our vision for 2030 in the years ahead.

Separately, our Policy Committee meetings hosted a fruitful discussion on the state-of-play and future strategy for delivering on the objectives of Orgalim's [vision for 2030](#) in light of a changing political landscape at EU level. Following on from this, I would like to draw your attention to two relevant milestones in our advocacy work this week. First, as you may have read in an earlier update email from our colleague Pierre Lucas, Thursday saw the publication of the [final report of the 'Industry 2030' High-Level Industrial Roundtable](#), of which our President Tomas Hedenborg has been an active member since early 2018. Secondly, on Wednesday the European Commission presented the [Policy and Investment Recommendations](#) of the AI High-Level Expert Group (a follow-up to the April report on [ethics guidelines](#)) – where Orgalim has also been around the table shaping the outcome.

Finally let me draw your attention to Orgalim's [partnership with the CTO of the Year Europe award](#), announced this week. Awarded in recognition of the continent's most prominent technology leaders, the honour will this year be presented at the [Orgalim November conference](#). [Nominations](#) are now open, and we strongly encourage you to propose suitable candidates from your network. This is a great opportunity to shine a deserved spotlight on the tech pioneers driving innovation in our industries, and give this greater visibility in the context of our policy advocacy work.

A big thank you to all who joined us in Brussels this week, and to all our members for your continued support and active involvement in our work at this critical time. A reminder to save the date in your calendars for our next General Assembly and [conference](#) on 12 and 13 November – further details and invitation to register will be sent in the coming weeks.

As always, if you have feedback or questions on anything that was discussed during the General Assembly, please do get in touch.



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