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A strategic dialogue for a strategic industry

Brussels, 7 October 2026: We welcome President von der Leyen's announcement yesterday, during the plenary debate in Strasbourg, of a Strategic Dialogue on European refineries, to be led by Commissioner Jørgensen and Commissioner Kubilius.

This initiative comes at a particularly important moment. It coincides with the recent recognition by G7 Leaders of the strategic importance of refining for energy security, market stability and economic resilience, and underscores a growing understanding that policymakers and industry must work together to address the challenges facing this critical sector. FuelsEurope has consistently called for such a dialogue as a framework to jointly assess Europe's security of supply, competitiveness and investment needs.

European refineries are strategic industrial assets. They help ensure security of supply, support critical industrial value chains, contribute to Europe's defence capabilities and will remain essential enablers of the energy transition through the production of renewable and low-carbon fuels.

While the immediate challenges facing Europe require urgent attention, the strategic role of refining should not be viewed as a short-term measure. Sustainable molecules will remain indispensable for sectors such as aviation, maritime transport, heavy-duty road transport and industry for decades to come. The successful transformation of Europe's refining sector is therefore not only a short-term resilience imperative. It is also a long-term prerequisite for achieving Europe's climate, industrial and energy objectives.

The Strategic Dialogue provides an important opportunity for a constructive discussion on how to strengthen Europe's competitiveness, resilience and investment attractiveness while supporting the sector's transformation.

Liana Gouta, FuelsEurope Director General, stated "*The launch of this Strategic Dialogue is a welcome recognition that Europe's refining industry deserves a place in strategic policy discussions. We look forward to working with policymakers to ensure that competitiveness, security of supply and industrial transformation advance together, supported by a strong and resilient European refining sector.*"

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