



Glass industry reacts to the EU gas demand reduction plan

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The glass industry recognizes the gravity of the energy situation Europe is confronted with.

Faced with the looming crisis, **Glass Alliance Europe supports the European Commission's plan published today¹** to save energy as of now in order to avoid power cuts and to stave off economic chaos.

It is reassuring that the European Commission's guidance on prioritization within industries for the supply of energy in case of curtailment, does recognize the utmost need to avoid lasting damage to Europe's industrial assets. ***'The specificity of the glass manufacturing process, which cannot be interrupted without severe damages to installations, is enough to justify the priority supply of energy to the glass industry.'*** declares Bertrand Cazes, Secretary General of Glass Alliance Europe.

Glass Alliance Europe welcomes that the European Commission highlights **the need for glass products to continue delivering food and pharmaceuticals to Europeans**. The plan also mentions how glass products are **part of several critical value chains** in buildings and defense and how **glass applications in energy-savings and renewable energy generation** are needed to help overcome the energy crisis.

Glass Alliance Europe calls on Member States to follow the EU guidance and its spirit when reviewing their national emergency plans to ensure the uninterruptability of the glass continuous manufacturing process² and to prioritize critical cross-border supply chains to the extent possible.



¹ COM(2022) 360 final 'Save gas for a safe winter' and its annex.

² The glass sector consumes approximately 4.5 bcm of gas annually, which corresponds to 4% of the total industrial consumption in Europe.

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About Glass Alliance Europe

Glass Alliance Europe is the European Alliance of Glass Industries. It is composed of 19 national glass associations and of the main sectors of the glass industries: container glass, flat glass, special glass, domestic glass and continuous filament glass fibres. Over Europe, glass-makers employ around 200.000 people.

Glass industries invest in research, develop and manufacture glass products fit for a sustainable, resource-efficient and low-carbon society such as energy-efficient windows, fully recyclable bottles and jars, weight-lightening continuous glass fibres, glass for photovoltaic modules, etc.