

EUROPIA is the European government affairs organisation of the oil refining and marketing industry in the EU and EEA. Founded in 1989 in response to the growing importance of pan-European legislation, we represent the interests and concerns of our members with institutions of the European Union, and with other European industrial and commercial organisations on matters of interest to the European downstream (refining and marketing) oil industry. EUROPIA gives its views on proposed regulations and directives as well as participating in studies. On a day-to-day basis EUROPIA works to maintain good relations at all levels of the European institutions to facilitate the steady exchange of information necessary for an intelligent legislative process. EUROPIA is constantly in touch with its members to inform them of forthcoming proposals and the potential effects on their business.

EUROPIA's principal areas of interest are : energy policy, protection of the environment and product quality. Specific current issues include Security of Supply, Clean Air for Europe, Biofuels, Air Quality directives, Climate Change, and some economic issues derived from EU competition legislation and taxation regimes.

Membership of EUROPIA is open to companies who own and operate oil refining facilities in the European Union. Associate membership is offered to those companies who have refining and marketing facilities in the countries making up the European Economic Area. EUROPIA also maintains strong links with individual Member State oil industry associations, and other European industry bodies such as UNICE (Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederation of Europe), CEFIC (Chemicals), OGP (Upstream oil and gas), ACEA (car manufacturers).

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