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FORATOM congratulates Günther Öttinger on his confirmation as new EU Energy Commissioner

FORATOM, the trade association representing the European nuclear industry, today congratulated German Günther Öttinger on being confirmed as the EU's new Energy Commissioner and pledged its continued support for the EU energy policy debate and its broader low-carbon energy objectives.

The European nuclear industry welcomed today the confirmation of Günther Öttinger as the EU's new Energy Commissioner and confirmed that it is looking forward to cooperating further with the European Commission and to maintaining its role as a driving force behind the forging of Europe's low-carbon energy policy.

Commenting on the announcement of Commissioner Öttinger's confirmation, Santiago San Antonio, Director General of FORATOM, underlined that the essential contribution that nuclear energy makes to the decarbonisation of Europe's energy supply must be taken into account: "It is simply not possible to decarbonise our electricity supply and thereby support the EU's overriding low-carbon economy goals, unless nuclear energy is a central component of the energy mix. To achieve these goals sustained market-driven investment in nuclear energy must lie at the heart of the EU's energy policy. The nuclear industry looks forward to having a constructive and progressive working relationship with the new Commissioner - just as it did with his predecessor."

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