

Brussels, April 24, 2020

Dear Member of EMIRI's Community,

We wanted to reach out to each of you to say we hope you all stay healthy and well during these challenging times, and to update you on how EMIRI is responding to the current circumstances that are affecting us all.

We have been closely following the spread of COVID-19 and the impact it is having on our members' countries and on the work of the European Commission. As you will have noticed, a lot of events had to be cancelled or postponed. We, of course, fully understand and support these decisions given the challenging and uncertain times.

The last EMIRI Steering Committee meeting, held on 15 April, agreed we should continue to progress work, i.e. towards the launch of our Focus Groups, but that given the uncertainties we should be flexible and adaptable in the circumstances. We also anticipate holding our next Tech Talk as a virtual meeting, hopefully at the beginning of June. Stay tuned for the date and the programme.

We all understand the need to urgently focus on public health and economic issues, but we must not lose sight of our long-term clean energy and mobility goals. It has been said that the best innovation comes from a time of crisis. For example, economic stimulus packages being drawn up by governments offer an excellent opportunity to ensure that clean and sustainable technologies investments continue and even increase. EMIRI will ensure it has compelling and valuable proposals to include in those actions. We can all play a role in supporting ambitious and inspirational goals for innovative clean energy solutions. That was the purpose of the [recent statement](#) published jointly by EMIRI and other European organizations of the green-tech sector, calling for continued climate leadership ambitions.

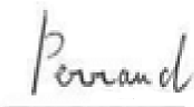
Finally, in order not to further affect the cash situation of our members in these difficult times, we have decided to postpone until September the launch of the 2020 membership fee invoicing campaign.

We look forward to our continued collaboration.

Stay safe and in good health,



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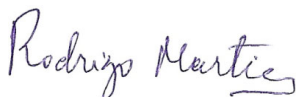
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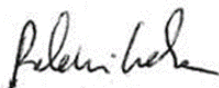
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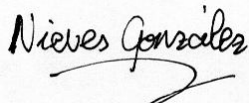
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