Energy policy and social impact

• The worldwide uncertainty on the energy questions is increasing
  – Geopolitical tensions in all regions
  – Climate changes need to be taken into account
  – There is no real European energy strategy, only a liberalized electricity and gas market, which is insufficiently regulated
  – The continuous rise of energy prices has an impact of increasing importance for enterprises and citizens

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• Our members suffer under high energy prices – reduction of the number of employees are done with reference to high energy prices
• EMCEF is working with an energy policy
  – Every country must take the responsibility for their energy supply
  – Emission trading, with a good purpose, has had too much impact on electricity prices
  – Energy production must in the future be based on several sources and promoting energy based on non-fossil sources
  – Structural changes in European Industry and energy policy must be done with employment and social guarantees as main issues
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• Energy from biomass will have a significant role for both heating and electricity production – also an opportunity for forest based industries
• Energy production from biomass will probably need subsidies to be established
• This will increase the purchasing power for combined heat and energy production
• The subsidies must therefore be limited to a level that they don’t have a negative impact on prices for pulpwood or recycled fibers
• Energy from biomass may have a negative impact on pulp and paper industry

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• EMCEF:s members will therefore face structural changes with mills closing and workers become redundant
• The reason is increasing prices for electricity and raw materials
• The structural changes must be handled in a social acceptable way
• CEPI has declared an ambition that the paper sector should be sustainable, also socially
• EMCEF welcomes the ambition of CEPI and supports the goals, but has in the social field asked for measures to achieve the goals
• Without well-defined steps how to achieve the goals there will be lack of credibility for CEPI
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- CEPI has members that think it is enough to express a good will, then go along as usual
- This will be discovered by the public and/or the commission
- A plan for achieving the goals must be done through a social dialogue on all levels; European, national and local
- EMCEF offers CEPI to deepen our dialogue, but CEPI:s mandate must be extended for that dialogue
- Energy policy could be a part of that dialogue where we obviously have a common interest