

## EDF relations with trade associations and lobbying process review

EDF has adopted in 2020 its Raison d'être which is "to build a net zero energy future with the electricity and innovative solutions and services, to help save the planet and drive wellbeing and economic development"

EDF's Raison d'être is enshrined in the Company's bylaws, it is at the heart of its business model, its CAP 2030 strategy, and is reflected in its Corporate Social Responsibility commitments.

EDF's EU lobbying refers to the promotion or the defence of the company's interests by its representatives towards the European institutions, in line with EDF's Raison d'être and with the aim of influencing proposals or decisions which are likely to have an effect on the EU's climate and energy framework and on the company's activities. EDF is committed to transparent and responsible lobbying.

EDF is committed to conduct all of its lobbying in line with its Raison d'être and the goals of the Paris Agreements. Over the past year, EDF has continued to advocate our climate-related positions in support of the Paris Agreement and the EU climate neutrality target in all the trade associations to which we belong.

More specifically, EDF, through UFE, strongly supported an 'at least 55%' GHG emissions target in the internal discussions within Eurelectric.

All the following associations have also publicly stated their support for the -55% target by 2030 with the full backing of EDF's membership.

- BioEnergy Europe,
- SGI Europe,
- IETA,
- EHPA,
- Euroheat and Power,
- Hydrogen Europe,
- Wind Europe,

These associations, such as EASE, SmartEN and FORATOM, do not currently have such specific messages but are fully committed to the climate neutrality target. EDF will continue to actively engage in discussions on an enabling policy framework to achieve net zero emissions in the EU by 2050.

EDF pays specific attention to its trade associations' climate positions towards Paris agreements

### **Associations and lobbying process review**

EDF's European Affairs Division animates closely all engagement of EDF's entities with trade associations and think tanks including their alignment with EDF's "raison d'être".

All lobbying activities are therefore conducted in line with the principles of the Just Transition as well as the goals of the Paris Agreement, and EDF also monitors partner associations to align their actions with these.

A review process has been put in place which triggers – when needed – follow-up actions. It notably consists in yearly reviews and assessments of EDF's partner associations, on the basis of their alignment with the Paris Agreement and with Just Transition<sup>1</sup> principles. Each entity puts into question EDF's role in the association and the alignment of the latter with the Group's *Raison d'être*.

In the case where a gap is identified between the association's principles and what the Group promotes via its *raison d'être* and its commitment to the Paris Agreement, EDF provides analysis on the way in which, while remaining a member of the association, it can still promote its values. Each entity/business line is responsible for the associations whom it is a member of.

Once complete, if this review process sheds light on material misalignment, EDF's stance is to encourage the associations to take a more proactive approach to climate advocacy. EDF is convinced that it can more efficiently bring change from within, rather than from outside. However, if we notice little possibility for change, our review process may result in an arbitrage to reassess our membership of some organizations and consider joining in new ones.

As a concrete example of these assessments in 2020 EDF has notified the end of its membership to Business Europe and is no longer a member in 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> Just Transition being understood as enabling the energy transition towards net zero while leaving no one behind. It consists for instance in promoting green and decent jobs and workforce retention, reskilling and redeployment of workers when needed, social protection, social dialogue, and proper engagement with affected stakeholders at the local, national, and international level.