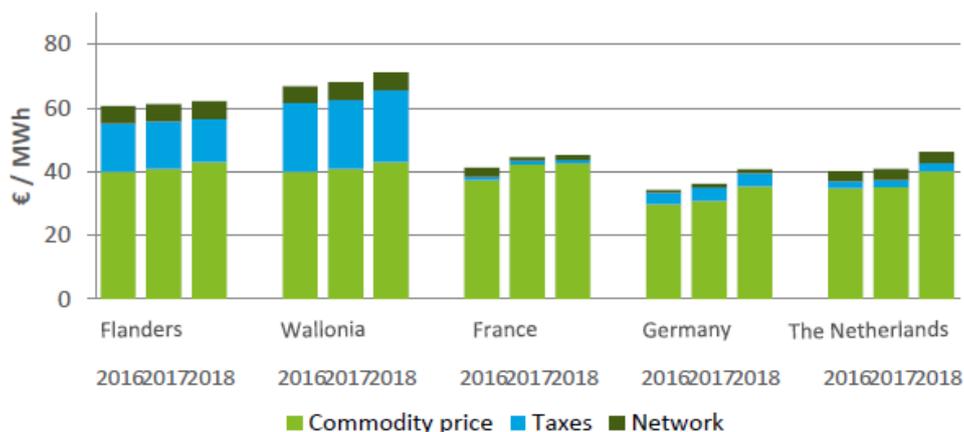


Competitive disadvantage for industrial electricity consumers confirmed

Brussels, 7 March 2018 – For the 6th consecutive year Deloitte has compared for Febeliec the electricity prices for industrial consumers in Belgium with those in our neighbour countries. Again, our industry appears having to cope with a significant competitive disadvantage: in 2018 it pays 10,5 to 34% more for electricity than the average of the countries analysed. The solution? An energy norm! Febeliec insists authorities finally get on it.

Our industry still has to face higher electricity prices compared to its competitors in neighbouring countries. The disadvantage varied slightly during the last years, but stayed unacceptably high. For 2018 and depending on offtake volumes and -profile and the location, the Deloitte analysis showed an extra cost of 10,5 to 34% for the largest industrial consumers. This comes down to several millions of euros. Belgian industry as a whole has to pay several hundreds of millions of euros extra! This weighs heavily on industrial development, profitability and jobs in our companies.

All-in electricity prices for baseload profiles (100 GWh)



“Energy costs and security of supply weigh heavily on the viability of our industrial activities and our chances of attracting new projects and associated jobs to our sites”, states Peter Claes, Director of Febeliec. “We call upon the governments of this country to finalise a credible and balanced energy pact, which aims at security of supply and competitive energy prices, alongside climate objectives. This implies that the pact offers transparency on the costs and on who will pay for them, as well as specific measures in order to protect energy intensive industry”.

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