

During a press contact on Wednesday 13/5/2009, Mr Peter Claes, Administrator of Febeliec, the Belgian federation of industrial energy consumers, presented the following issue:

### **Energy prices for Belgian companies remain extremely high**

*The gas and electricity prices have increased considerably in 2008. This is shown in a recent enquiry by Febeliec, the federation of the industrial energy consumers, amongst its members. Logical? Maybe it is, the prices for primary fuels have considerable risen too. Or maybe it is not? Because then the prices would have to start decreasing, but that does not seem to be going to happen soon.*

What is going on?

How does it come that the Belgian prices increase more quickly than the European average?

How heavily weigh taxes, levies and fines?

Do the companies not benefit from the so called windfall profits?

Why is there no or hardly any competition on the Belgian market?

Enclosed you will find the presentation (only available in French and Dutch) that was used on this occasion.