

## UPEI Welcomes New Member: UIP

**UPEI, the European association representing independent energy and mobility suppliers, is pleased to announce that the French association UIP – l'Union des Importateurs Indépendants Pétroliers – has officially joined the association as a full member.**

The UIP brings together the four petrol companies' subsidiaries of the supermarket chains AUCHAN (Auchan Energies), CARREFOUR (Carfuel company), Leclerc (Siplec), and Intermarché (Scaped). Together, these operators hold some 62% of the market for fuels sold in France, with a network of some 5,200 hyper and supermarket filling stations, generating annual sales of around 40 billion euros for 24 million m<sup>3</sup> of fuels distributed.

The network has also 40 depots for over 500,000 m<sup>3</sup> of storage. The association ensures institutional representation of its members and actively defends their interests before policy decision-makers and relevant regulatory bodies.

Through its engagement with key national energy policies, **UIP plays a significant role in France's energy transition**, notably as an obligated party under the national Energy Savings Certificates (CEE) scheme and through its active participation in government programmes aimed at reducing energy consumption. **UIP is fully committed to decarbonising our sector, supporting the development of low-carbon liquid fuels.**

*"We are delighted to welcome UIP as a new member of UPEI," said **Johan Deleu**, President of UPEI. "At a time when the energy sector is undergoing fundamental transformation, it is crucial that the voice of independent and retail-based energy and mobility suppliers is clearly heard at European level. UIP brings not only strong expertise but also a shared commitment to driving forward a pragmatic and inclusive energy transition across Europe."*

UIP's membership reinforces UPEI's mission to represent a diverse range of energy suppliers committed to innovation, sustainability, and ensuring a fair and competitive market. Together, UPEI members continue to support Europe's decarbonisation goals while ensuring the energy needs of consumers and businesses are met efficiently and affordably.

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*UPEI represents nearly 2,000 European importers and wholesale/retail distributors of energy for the transport and heating sectors, supplying Europe's customers independently of the major energy producers. They are the interface between producers and consumers, using their own infrastructure and flexibility to supply existing demand for conventional and renewable liquid fuels, as well as non-liquid alternatives as part of the energy transition.*



*They cover more than a third of Europe's current demand. The organisation brings together national associations and suppliers across Europe. Independent fuel suppliers bring*

*competition to Europe's energy market and are able to respond rapidly to changes affecting supply, contributing to security on a local, national and regional level. They have developed and maintain a comprehensive infrastructure for the sourcing, storage and distribution of transport and heating fuels, with a commitment to delivering a high-quality service to all consumers, including those in remote areas.*



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