

Stepping up Energy and Climate Action

Where do we want to go?

Austrian Presidency perspective

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National Energy and Climate Plans 2021-2030 – what do we want to achieve?

- Period 2021-2030: start of new era in European climate change policies!
- Both, in ETS and non-ETS sectors, mitigation efforts need to be stepped-up dramatically to comply with 2030 GHG targets.
- Recent GHG emissions trend shows: majority of Member States not on track!
- NECPs put pressure on Member States to move into right direction in a timely manner and to correct their strategies accordingly, when needed.
- Governance Regulation is a significant step into the right direction, but very limited time for the elaboration of the (draft) plans

NECPs: Why targets for renewables, energy efficiency and GHG emissions?

- EU climate and energy package includes diverse targets at EU and Member States' level, with different legal status.
- GHG emissions – targets legally binding on Member States (and ETS)
- Renewables and energy efficiency – Member States' readiness to commit themselves is crucial.
- 80% of GHG emissions reductions are directly linked to RES and EnEff
- Power sector, transport and buildings will play a crucial role for long-term decarbonisation („sector coupling“; avoidance of “lock-in“)

How to increase long-term ambition?

- New special report by IPCC on 1.5°C underlines: we are running out of time!
- Peak emissions now and global net-zero emissions to be reached by mid-century
- Long-term Strategies needed – we welcome European Commission's readiness to present a draft LTS for the EU before COP24
- Member States committed to submit their own LTS by 1 January 2020
- Raising ambition for 2030?
- Combined effect of strategies must be compatible with Paris Agreement headline targets (net-zero emissions globally; keep temperature increase “well below 2°C”)

Thank You!

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