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## UN Climate Summit: European renewables community calls for ambitious nationally binding 2030 targets

### Leaders urged to sustain momentum from successful 2020 energy and climate targets

As global leaders gather in New York for Ban Ki-moon's one-off UN Climate Summit, the Keep on Track! project urges **European leaders to agree a strong, supportive framework for renewable energy** at next month's European Council meeting.

Coordinated by EUFORES, the Keep on Track! project offers market, legal and political advice and recommendations to help EU Member States stay on track for their 2020 renewable energy targets. Project participants frequently cite the need for long-term policy certainty – specifically, a strong and clear 2030 framework – in order to unlock investment and employment opportunities here and now.

The 2030 renewable energy target currently proposed by the European Commission would slow down the pace of expansion of the European renewables industry. At 27%, it is only a 7% increase on the 2020 renewable energy target. Unlike the 2020 target, the Commission proposes not distributing the 2030 target to Member State level. Feedback from the Keep on Track! project demonstrates that the **distribution of the 2020 target to Member State level was a key driver in the implementation of successful domestic policies to promote renewable energy.**

The Keep on Track! project calls on EU leaders to acknowledge the urgency of the need to expand clean energy and embrace the spirit of ambition and action at the UN Climate Summit.

Keep on Track! spokesperson Jan Geiss, EUFORES Secretary General, said:

"European leaders must take the energy and ambition of Ban Ki-moon's climate summit into next month's European Council and deliver a world-leading 2030 energy and climate change framework. A binding 2030 renewable energy target of minimum 30% - a more ambitious target of 45% is attainable and preferable - distributed proportionally across Member States, will enable the European renewable energy industry to invest for our common future. It will strengthen the EU's energy security and maintain its role as a global leader on mitigating the risks of dangerous climate change and seizing the opportunities to grow a thriving green economy."

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