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## The EU Energy Union must trigger a sustainable energy use

In the Communication of the Energy Union Package, the EU dedicated itself to becoming the world's "number one in renewables". This is a much welcomed commitment, especially at a time with global warming on the rise and the lingering question of security of energy supply, enhanced by the continuing geopolitical tensions between Russia and the EU.

In order to truly achieve the goal of making the EU the number one in renewables, the EU must:

- Ensure the achievement of its 20% renewables target by 2020.
- Strive for an ambitious and binding 2030 renewable energy target which is significantly higher than 27%, alongside energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions targets. Adopt a strong governance framework to facilitate and ensure the achievement of these targets.
- Ensure a predictable and stable legislative framework for renewables at the national level and in particular to avoid any retroactive changes to existing support schemes.
- Establish an energy market design based on increasing shares of renewable energies. Remove all subsidies for fossil fuels and nuclear.

The project <u>Keep on Track!</u> has researched the EU's renewables trajectory and has identified the abovementioned as crucial to achieving the EU's renewables targets. To go into further depths of the study results, read the Keep on Track! publications: **EU Tracking Roadmap**, **Policy Recommendations** and the **Analysis of Deviations and Barriers Report!** 

The key results shall be presented at the EU Sustainable Energy Week during the high-level policy conference, on 16 June 2015, at the parliamentary debate "Energy Union and the path of renewables: In sync?".

Be amongst the first to read the Keep on Track! 2015 publications, launched on 16 June 2015!

## Make the EU the world leader in renewable energy!

<u>Keep on Track!</u> aims at monitoring that **the actual development of renewable energy** in the EU towards the 2020 target is not lagging behind the trajectory outlined in the RES Directive.

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