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14 EU Member States will fail to meet their 20% renewables target by 2020, as progress stands today.

With the approach of the October European Council meeting, where EU Heads of State will come together to make a final decision on the future climate and energy policy framework, it is important to stress the **need now for a binding, ambitious and effective framework for renewable energy for 2030**.

According to the 2020 RES Scenarios for Europe Report, as it stands today, **14 Member States will fail** to meet their 2020 RES targets and there are **doubts about 4 other Member States** reaching their target. In order for Member States to achieve their 2020 target, it is essential that a predictable and stable legislative framework for RES is ensured at the national level and, in particular, that any retrospective or retroactive changes to existing support schemes are avoided. This includes the promise of a predictable and stable legislative framework beyond 2020, i.e.: **a binding, ambitious and effective framework for renewables for 2030**.

We urge European leaders to act now to secure a sustainable future and invite them to read this report.

The "2020 RES Scenarios for Europe Report" assesses possible future RES pathways towards 2020, both at EU and national levels. This report was researched in the framework of the <u>Keep on Track!</u> project, which has also produced policy recommendations to accompany the report. The policy recommendations reflect the importance of having a sound policy framework in place.

Coordinated by EUFORES and supported by 15 partners from all over the EU, the project **Keep on Track!** 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.

Officially launched today, the "2020 RES Scenarios for Europe Report", as well as the other publications, can be read and downloaded on http://www.keepontrack.eu/publications/.

Find out which are the 14 Member States to fail to meet their 20% renewables target, according to 2014 statistics.

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