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Europe must Speed Up its Energy Security Plan: Policy Uncertainty equals Energy Insecurity

In these times of tense international discussions between Russia and the EU the **energy security topic** has (re)gained high priority. Now more than ever, the EU must ensure the **achievement of its 20% RES target** by 2020 and strive for ambitious and binding RES targets for the EU and Member State levels for 2030 and beyond.

The project <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. Several crucial obstacles have already been identified:

- Where the barriers used to be in the details of implementation, now it is about the whole framework lacking stability and long term certainty.
- As it stands today, 14 Member States will fail to meet their 2020 RES targets and there are doubts about 4 other Member States.
- Two RES sectors are already growing slower than they should, which is aggravated by barriers. Moreover, it will only get worse if nothing is changed.

We need strong political leadership to steer Europe into the right direction of a stable, independent and sustainable energy future.

<u>Find out more</u> about the development of the EU's current RES trajectory through our <u>EU Tracking</u> Roadmap and <u>Policy Recommendations!</u>

The latest developments in Ukraine show that EU is in a weak strategic position – Just because of its huge gas dependence from Russia.

Heads of State have a crucial role to play: To establish Policy Certainty to build Energy Security!

The Keep on Track publications are out on the 25th of June.

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