



Overview of the EU Policies in Energy and Energy Research

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Introduction 1/2

- ✚ Energy fuels the economic development.
 - ✚ Is de-coupling feasible ?
 - ✚ Energy intensities (energy usage / GDP) decrease with time.
 - ✚ However, energy consumption increases with time.
- > Energy usage must be sustainable.



Introduction 2/2

- ✚ Energy industries are capital-intensive.
 - ✚ Energy investments have long lead-times and lives.
- > Energy policies must ensure a smooth transition to sustainability.



Facts 1/2

Current projections indicate that:

- + World energy consumption up 2% per annum to 2020.
- + World energy intensity down 1.4% per annum to 2020.
- + World dependence on fossil fuels still 90% by 2020.
- + Natural gas expected to grow rapidly in some regions.



Facts 2/2

- ✦ **EU energy consumption up by 2.5% per annum to 2020.**
- ✦ **EU energy intensity down by 1.5% per annum to 2020.**
- ✦ **EU dependence on imported fuels up from 50% to over 65% by 2020.**
- ✦ **EU coal largest decrease, EU natural gas largest increase.**



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Climate change

- ✚ EU set to decrease its GHG emission by 8% in 2008-2012 compared to 1990 under the Kyoto Protocol.
- ✚ Burden sharing agreement between Member States.
- ✚ On track so far, but target likely to be missed.
- ✚ European Climate Change Programme to identify most promising and cheapest routes.



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Security of Supply

- † Green paper has been issued.
- † Diversification is the key.
- † No single option is the solution.
- † No option should be ruled out.



Development of RES

- + Directive to go from 6% to 12% by 2010 (and share in electricity from 14% to 22% by 2010).
- + Proposed directive to promote biofuels (2% by 2005, 5.75% by 2010).



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Energy Efficiency

- ✚ Aims at de-coupling energy use from economic growth.
- ✚ One of the elements of security of supply.
- ✚ Communication calling for a 18% improvement for 1995 to 2010.
- ✚ Proposal for a directive on CHP.



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Integration/Opening of Energy Markets

- ✚ On-going process.
- ✚ Framework for other policies.
- ✚ Communication in 2001 on how to complete the process.
- ✚ Can have some adverse effects on other policies.



Research Policy 1/2

European Research Area

- ✦ EU research is too fragmented.
- ✦ 1.9% of GDP versus 2.6 for US and 2.9 for Japan
- ✦ EU exploitation of R&D results is sometimes inadequate.



Research Policy 2/2

ERA

+ **New support instruments:**

- *NoEs*
- *IPs*

+ **Concentration on selected priority topics:**

- *Including sustainable energy systems, transport and the environment.*

+ **Co-ordination of Member States activities:**

- *Art. 169*
- *Bloc III*



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Short Term

- ✚ **Clean energy, in particular renewable energy sources and their integration in the energy system, including storage, distribution and use.**
- ✚ **Energy savings and energy efficiency, including those to be achieved through the use of renewable raw materials.**
- ✚ **Alternative motor fuels.**



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Long Term

- ✦ Fuel cells, including their applications.
- ✦ New technologies for energy carriers/transport and storage, in particular hydrogen.
- ✦ New and advanced concepts in renewable energy technologies, in particular biomass and photovoltaics.
- ✦ Capture and sequestration of CO₂ associated with cleaner fossil fuel plants.



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