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# **The work of the Council on the 2030 climate and energy framework**

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## Discussions before the Spring Summit

- On 22<sup>nd</sup> of January the European Commission adopted a policy framework for the climate and energy policies in the period from 2020 to 2030.
- Main elements:
  - binding GHG emissions reduction target of 40%
  - EU-wide binding target for RES of at least 27%
  - the key role of energy efficiency was underlined
  - the importance of competitiveness and energy security was also stressed and relevant energy indicators were proposed by the Commission
  - a new European governance system based on national plans for competitive, secure and sustainable energy is to be envisaged.
- 2030 framework has been discussed within Council in January and February at Energy WG and Coreper level.

# Spring Summit Conclusions

The Spring Summit invited the Council and the Commission to:

- Analyse implications for individual M-S of the EU overall targets on GHG emissions and RES
- Develop measures for long term planning security for industrial investments in order to ensure EU competitiveness
- Elaborate mechanisms which will foster the modernization of energy sector
- Review the Energy Efficiency Directive in a timely manner and develop an energy efficiency framework

## Energy Directors-Generals meeting (10/4)

**EU Governance: the following aspects for national plans could be further considered:**

- **Clear guidance will be developed by the Commission in close cooperation with the M-S on the governance process**
- **Flexibility for M-S to choose appropriate policies must be ensured**
- **The National plans should address all three objectives of EU energy policy (sustainability, security of supply and competitiveness).**
- **The reporting must focus on the central elements of the national plans.**

## Informal Energy Ministerial of Athens (16/5)

- **The basic principles on governance were agreed**
- **In particular, flexibility will be provided to the M-S in order to define a cost-effective Roadmap towards a low carbon economy**
- **Also, this Roadmap must be compatible with our common targets**
- **Regional cooperation plays an important role with regards to both, infrastructure development and energy markets' regulation**
- **Energy indicators are to be further considered**

## Next steps

- **The outcome of both discussions, in Environment and Energy Councils, will be summarized by the President of the Council in a letter to the President of the EC**
- **The June European Council will take stock of the situation however a substantive debate is not foreseen at this stage and the conclusions will confirm the need for a final agreement**
- **23-24 October European Council: final agreement on the 2030 package**



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**Thank you for your attention!**

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