

Hello,

I would like to quote the most recent report of the International Energy Agency. (1)

(IEA Executive Director Maria) Van der Hoeven warned that “policy uncertainty is public enemy number one” for investors: “Many renewables no longer require high economic incentives. But they do still need long-term policies that provide a predictable and reliable market and regulatory framework compatible with societal goals,” she stated. “And worldwide subsidies for fossil fuels remain six times higher than economic incentives for renewables.”

In Flanders, Belgium, at the end of 2012 we had passed the tipping point for profitable PV solar power for private citizens.

Unfortunately the policies were changed in order to try and recover subsidies that were given up to that point.

It is clear that such a policy is detrimental to the adoption of renewable power.

I would urge the European authorities to adapt their policies in order to:

- stop subsidizing fossil fuel energy production in any way
- promote renewable energy production, in Europe's interest.
- promote the creation of Smart Grid standards as soon as possible
- establish an energy legislation framework that allows member states to adopt Smart Grid market mechanisms at the soonest possible
- promote the alignment of EU member state energy legislation in order to exchange energy across Europe in the most efficient way.
- promote the de-fossilization of transport (electric vehicles, hydrogen vehicles, better public transport, less airplanes and more high-speed railways across Europe,...)

I sincerely hope my children can enjoy the fruits of a visionary Green Paper for 2030.

Thank you for reading this,

Kind Regards,

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