

Dear Mr. Oettinger, dear EU Commission

I want a binding target for 2030 and more citizen ownership!

Binding targets, when well designed, achieved significant emission reductions and promoted the switch to Renewable Energies. This has been demonstrated via the implementation of the renewables directive. Therefore this principle needs to be maintained in the 2030 framework.

Where binding targets to reach the 20-20-20 targets are missing, failure happened, as can be evidenced with the 20% energy efficiency target, which so far has failed.

The current ETS system has failed thereby undermining the market system rationale. A market system can only function, when all actors are included and are treated equally. Allowing to use international certificates, as done by a number of European multinational, beats that logic. The ETS system needs therefore credible reform and should be considered only as one potential tool to achieve the 2030 targets, yet with much less relevance as put forward in the 2020 framework..

The 2020 strategy did not consider the importance of local and regional renewable energy initiatives and especially the central role of European citizens - not only as consumers of energy, but as the main actors. Yet citizens have been the driver of the energy transition, in particular via jointly owned schemes, such as renewable energy cooperatives or community-owned schemes. Citizen ownership and co-decision in the energy transition will boost social acceptance but also help to better organize the energy demand, stabilize the internal energy market and reinforce indigenous supply sources.

Kind regards,

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