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Summary of the contributions to the stocktaking document:  
***“Towards a new Energy Strategy for Europe 2011-2020”***

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# 1 Focus on implementing agreed policies

- Majority supported implementation of agreed policies,
- proposals for new legislative initiatives will not be credible if existing measures have not been fully implemented,
- strong support for: early compliance with the Regulation on security of gas supply, further integration of the internal energy market through full implementation of third package, swift start of ACER, ENTSOs etc...



## 2 Integrating the longer time perspective

- Broad support for the integration of our policies in a longer term perspective,
- need to set the Energy 2020 in the context of a vision for the longer term (energy objectives beyond 2020),
- our strategic goals will be achieved progressively, the 2020 strategy should have intermediate milestones and action plans for shorter intervals e.g. 3 years.

## 3.1 Priority areas for future strategy *Towards a low-carbon energy system*

- Agreement on need/urgency to decarbonise our energy system,
- many views on what longer term targets should be (low or zero carbon ?, 100% RES ?),
- various views on the most efficient way to decarbonise our energy system:
  - » energy efficiency and renewables,
  - » increased penetration of natural gas,
  - » innovation and technology,
  - » fossil fuels with Carbon Capture and Storage,
  - » nuclear,
  - » ETS and energy/CO2 taxes.

## ● 3.2 Priority areas for future strategy *Modern integrated grids*

- Agreement on the need for a new approach in the EU infrastructure energy policy,
- for some respondents, beside electricity & gas, oil and CCS should be included,
- the lack of pan-European interconnections was a frequent concern,
- upcoming “Energy Infrastructure Package” is an opportunity to present strategic analysis and proposals for the future EU energy network.

### ● 3.3 Priority areas for future strategy

## ***Bringing the benefits of EU energy markets to businesses and citizens***

- Agreement with overall aim to assure reliable availability of affordable and sustainable energy to the citizens,
- support for the Commission initiative to increase transparency of energy market,
- particular emphasis to public awareness,
- need for a social dimension looking at: impact on labour forces, HSE (health safety and environment) and type of labour skills need in future.

## ● 3.4 Priority areas for future strategy

### ***Strong & coordinated external energy policy***

- Majority supported strengthening EU external energy policy and increasing coordination with Member States, (2009 gas crisis),
- the overall EU energy strategy should include an external energy policy,
- external energy policy should aim not only at securing supply of fossil fuels but also underpinning EU's vision for sustainable development.

## 3.5 Priority areas for future strategy

### *Leadership in technological innovation*

- Implementation of the SET Plan should be the core of EU's low carbon technology policy,
- substantial funding will be needed but divergent views exist on how to ensure such funding,
  - » Either doubling EU funding for energy research,
  - » Or in times of limited public funds, concentrate EU technology funding on leverage for private RD&D spending and redirect part of the cohesion funds towards energy projects,
- in assessing the envisaged low carbon technology portfolio we should avoid "picking the winner" or creating a long shopping list of technologies.



## ● 3 Way forward

Activities in the coming months:

- Adoption of the Energy Strategy for Europe 2011-2020 (2010),
- Energy Infrastructure Package (2010),
- Energy Efficiency Action Plan (2011),
- 2050 Road Map (2011),
- Communication on external dimension of energy policies (2011).