

Renewable energy must be at the centre of the renewed EU strategy for long-term emissions reduction

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The EU's long-term strategy for emissions reduction must have renewable energy at its centre, according to Europe's renewable energy industry. The comments come as the European Commission announces its intention to renew the EU's 2050 energy and climate strategy.

After the successful negotiation of the Renewable Energy Directive, the momentum must not be lost.

"The renewables sector welcomes the review of the EU's 2050 Climate & Energy Strategy. Any serious decarbonisation strategy must have renewable energy at its centre. An ambitious long-term vision on renewables is needed to deliver on Europe's commitments under the Paris Agreement" said Jean Marc Jossart, Bioenergy Europe Secretary General.

"To fully decarbonise its energy system, the EU will need all renewable energy technologies, across all sectors. Renewables' tremendous track record of technology improvements and cost reductions makes it clear that we should have a 100% renewable energy system by 2050" added Rémi Gruet, Ocean Energy Europe CEO.

Investing in renewables is essential to future-proof the wider European economy. The renewable energy industry is a major driver of Europe's reindustrialisation. It creates thousands of local jobs, provides new opportunities for workers and brings economic development to European regions.

An ambitious vision for 2050 will send a clear signal to investors, enterprises and citizens. It will show that the EU is committed to remaining a long-term world leader in renewables, and to deploying renewables across all parts of the European economy.



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