

To EU Foreign Affairs Ministers

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Dear Foreign Affairs Ministers

On the 17th of March, you will be discussing the latest developments in Ukraine, and on the 18th of March, the European Commission's EU 2030 Climate and Energy Framework.

In order to increase Europe's energy security and independence from Russian gas and coal, the European wind industry urges you to support a more ambitious and binding EU target for renewables than proposed by the European Commission, of at least 30%, to be divided in national binding targets.

Such a target will enable Europe to continue to decrease its dependency on imported fossil fuels. A 30% renewables target would mean 26% less gas imports than today, whereas the Commission's proposal for a 27% target would reduce imports by just 9%¹.

As highlighted by [business leaders on February 12 in Brussels](#), a more ambitious and binding target would also continue to promote green growth and jobs, and industrial and technology leadership in onshore and offshore wind power: more than 250,000 jobs have been created in the wind energy sector in Europe, and European wind companies are global leaders. A renewable energy target of 30% would create 568,000 more jobs in Europe by 2030 than a scenario with 27% RES².

We count on your support to influence a discussion paving the way for a strong mandate by Heads of States to the European Commission in March, so that Europe can improve its energy security.

Yours faithfully,



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¹ European Commission, 2014, Impact Assessment accompanying the Communication "A policy framework for climate and energy in the period from 2020 up to 2030", p. 68

² European Commission, 2014, Impact Assessment accompanying the Communication "A policy framework for climate and energy in the period from 2020 up to 2030", p. 87