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Initiative

[Strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reductions](#)

HSE Group welcomes current efforts put forward by the European Commission to prepare a new long-term EU greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions strategy. It is an urgent step after the obligations set in the Paris Agreement. But achieving the necessary GHG emissions reduction is not possible without synchronised energy and climate policies at the EU and national level.

We are currently in the final phase of adopting the Clean Energy Package, which will set the basis for implementation of ambitious 2030 energy and climate goals. EU climate and energy policy beyond 2030 must assure continuation and upgrade of the efforts and work that has been done so far. HSE Group emphasized several times few of the key elements that need to be considered to achieve a balanced approach:

- Electrification is crucial for decarbonisation of the European economy. Given the strong commitment by the European electricity sector to become carbon-neutral well before 2050, the electrification in other relevant sectors (heating and cooling, transport, industry) is of great importance.
- EU ETS must remain key in achieving the CO₂ emissions reduction target. After 2020 a gradual phase-out of RES subsidies is needed and ETS should be the main driver for the development of low-carbon technologies. A current positive development in the EU ETS sector (Market Stability Reserve and the adopted Phase 4 revision) should be continued.
- As there is a link between climate change policy and phasing out of coal, the long-term decarbonisation strategies at national and the EU level must ensure a just and gradual transition for the most affected regions, namely for coal and carbon-intensive regions, based on comprehensive financial support, including public funds of Member States concerned, for the social and economic restructuring and development of these regions.
- Investments in the energy sector, which are needed to implement ambitious climate and energy targets, will be possible only under proper market conditions through assuring safe and reliable electricity supply. Introducing certain measures such as capacity remuneration mechanisms, burden sharing among different stakeholders, improving efficient spatial planning procedures, improving public awareness and public acceptance can represent much-needed stability for investors.
- Member States must take the lead in shaping their own emissions reductions policies and strategies, which are based on national specifics and are coordinated among different sectors – energy, environment, transport, agriculture. In this context long-term national climate and energy plans will need to be developed under the governance of the Energy Union.

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