

Europe presents its new energy strategy to 2020

The European Commission has announced its *Energy 2020* strategy. The strategy defines the energy priorities for the next ten years and sets the actions to be taken in order to tackle the challenges of saving energy, achieving a market with competitive prices and secure supplies, boosting technological leadership and effective negotiation with international partners. Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger says: "The energy challenge is one of the greatest tests for us all. Putting our energy system onto a new, more sustainable and secure path may take time but ambitious decisions need to be taken now." The Commission proposes to focus its initiatives on the two sectors with the biggest energy saving potential: transport and buildings.

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