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Linkage to informal Environmental council: taking forward the results of the informal council, challenges and opportunities

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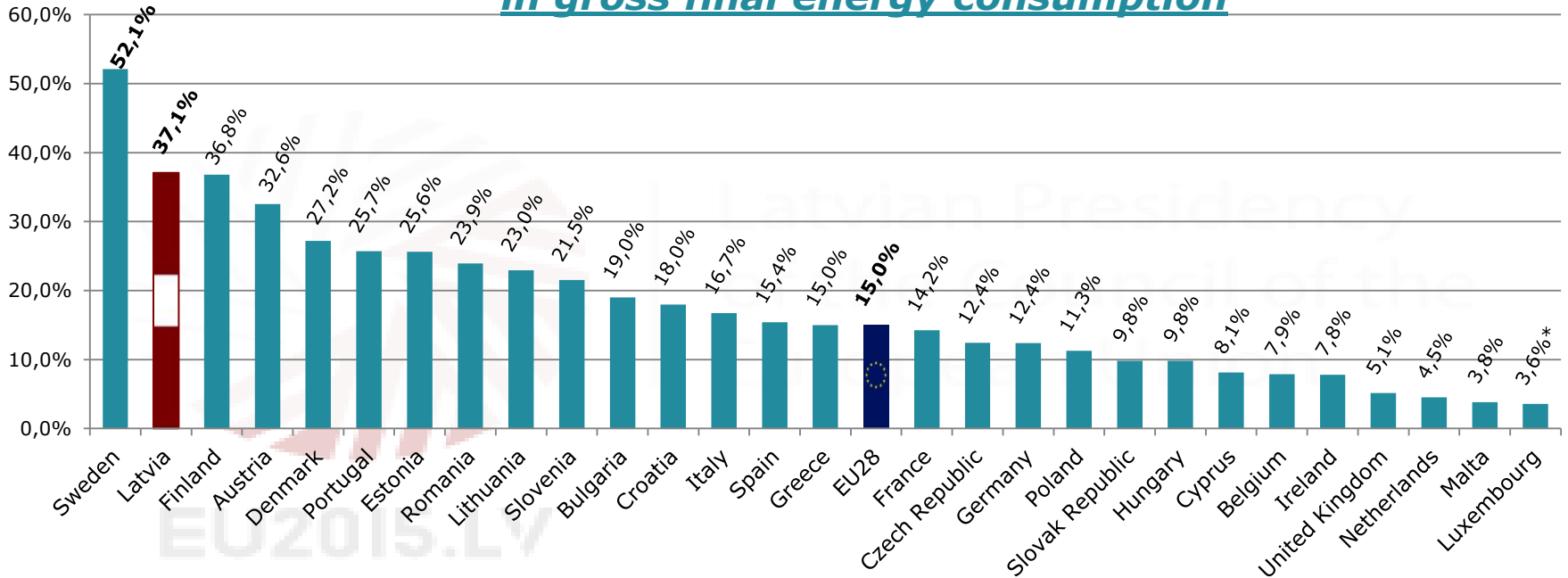


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Energy Policy 2020

The share of energy from RES in gross final energy consumption



Source: Eurostat



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European energy system in figures

- ✓ **53%** of energy is imported;
- ✓ Cost of imported energy – **400 billion EUR**;
- ✓ **6 MS** are depend on single external supplier;
- ✓ **1%** energy savings cuts gas imports by 2,6%;
- ✓ **75%** of housing sector are energy inefficient;
- ✓ **90%** of oil products for transport are imported;
- ✓ **120 billion EUR** annually is spend on energy subsidies;
- ✓ Over **1 trillion EUR** needs for investment in energy infrastructure;
- ✓ Wholesale price of energy **30%** higher compared to USA;
- ✓ Wholesale price of gas **twice** higher compared to USA



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Energy security, solidarity and trust

Research,
Innovation and
Competitiveness

Decarbonising
the economy



A fully integrated
European energy
market

Energy
efficiency
contributing to
moderation of
demand



Decarbonising the economy: proposed actions

- ✓ Greenhouse gas emission reduction target – 40% at EU level by 2030:
 - Legislation to achieve the GHG reduction target both in the ETS and in the sectors outside ETS.

- ✓ Renewable energy target - at least 27% at EU level by 2030:
 - A new Renewable Energy Package in 2016-2017, including a policy for sustainable biomass and biofuels.



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Research, Innovation and Competitiveness: proposed actions

- ✓ Forward-looking, energy and climate-related R&I strategy:
 - European energy R&I approach, comprising an upgraded SET Plan and a strategic transport R&I agenda.
 - An initiative on global technology and innovation leadership on energy and climate to boost jobs and growth.



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EU external policy: proposed actions

- ✓ External policy as an instrument to speak one voice on energy and climate:
 - Revitalise the EU's energy and climate diplomacy;
 - Strengthening EU energy cooperation with third countries, including RES and EE;
 - Full use of the EU's external trade policy to promote access to energy resources and European energy technology and services.



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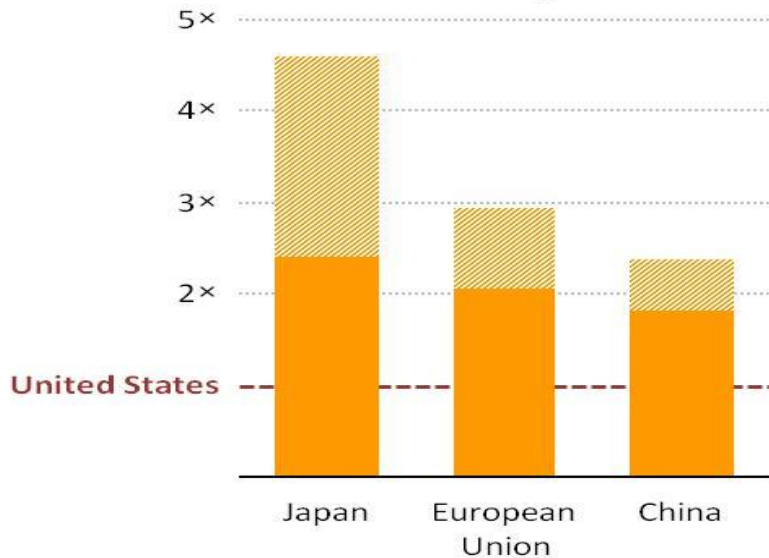
- ✓ Experience has shown that there is strong added value when Member States set up a planning strategy for renewable energy sources at local, regional or national level as this can provide clear rules at an early stage for further project development.
- ✓ Such strategic-level planning combined with project level assessments is a key for achieving renewable energy targets while complying with the requirements of the EU nature legislation and biodiversity goals.



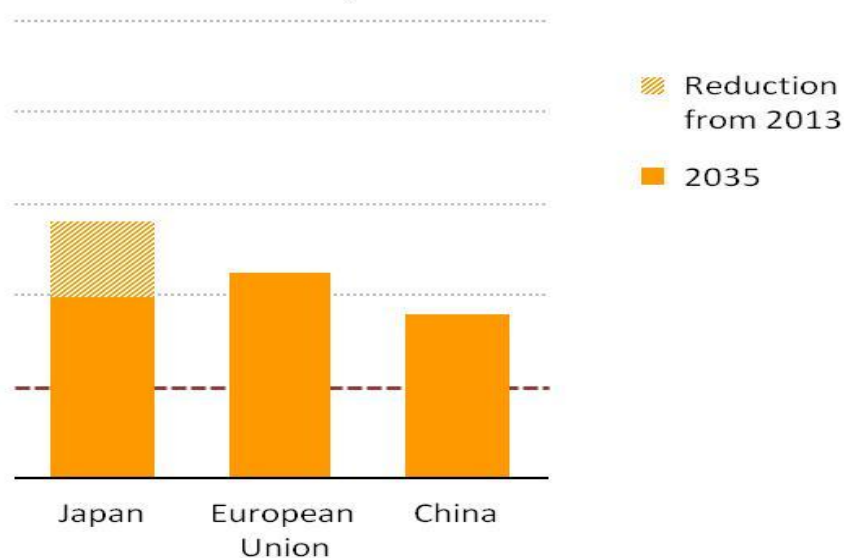
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World Energy Outlook 2014

Natural gas



Electricity





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- ✓ As one of priority areas of action identified during the discussion was the need for proper planning, engagement with stakeholders and local municipalities at all stages (planning, monitoring, assessment), as well as importance of full compliance with the procedures and options already provided by the EIA



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- ✓ In context of Energy Union, positive impact of an interconnected and fully functioning energy markets on biodiversity was mentioned.
- ✓ Interconnections, functioning market and cross-border cooperation enable putting the energy production facilities and network extensions in the best place (in terms of both, biodiversity and market) as well as their efficient use



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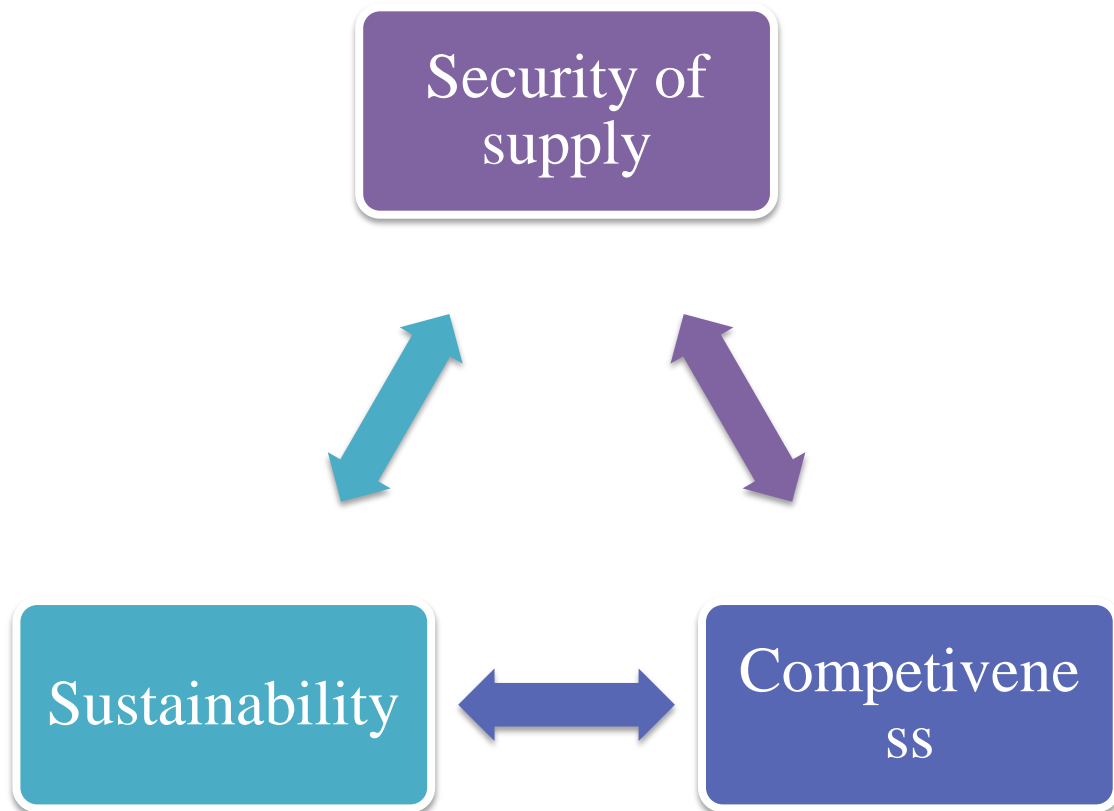
- ✓ Member States emphasized that public acceptance of the renewable energy infrastructure is very important. Due consideration to biodiversity at planning stage and consultations with stakeholders and local communities can facilitate finding win-win situations.

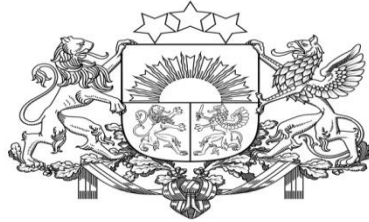


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- ✓ Member States also stressed the importance of financial incentives to the producers of energy for renewable sources.
- ✓ All technical, economic and environmental aspects should be sufficiently taken into account, including avoiding market distortions and possible over-subsidizing of certain maturing renewable technologies.





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Thank you!

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