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Lack of long-term solutions towards a sustainable energy system in Europe

Today, the EU Commission presented the Green Paper "A European Strategy for Secure, Competitive and sustainable Energy for Europe".

EUFORES welcomes the intention of the European Commission to create a strategy for the common European energy future. Nevertheless, the Green Paper is lacking a strong signal for the development of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency.

"This is not the big step forward towards a sustainable and independent European energy future. The Commission missed a huge opportunity to create a new, sustainable and ambitious strategy tackling the energy challenges in front of us. The Commission is right in picking up the security of supply issue with the green paper. But unfortunately, the proposal does not go fully in the right direction: Security of energy supply, competitiveness, sustainability, energy import independency, the fight against climate change and the creation of jobs can only be achieved by a combined strategy of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources," said **Mechtild Rothe, Member of the European Parliament and President of EUFORES**.

The Green Paper sets the starting point for a necessary European wide discussion about new ideas and solutions for European energy challenges. So far it has missed the opportunity to stress the strategical advantage and huge potential renewable energy and energy efficiency have to offer Europe. Renewables could cover 25% of the European energy supply by 2020 if the right political frameworks are created and commitments for strong targets are made within the European Union.

Therefore, EUFORES asks the Commission to put more emphasis on renewable energy and energy efficiency and to develop a related strategy within the ongoing discussion process.

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