

Dear young Europeans,

Not only environmental issues force the European Union and their member states to change to a low-carbon economy with a strong portfolio of renewable energy within Europe. Also the dependence on energy imports requires an efficient energy management and solutions for the energy scarceness of the future.

Young people with intelligent ideas, young people who have visions and young people who fight for their implementation are needed to find an energy solution for a better future for all of us. Not only experts in "New Energies" can think of ideas how the European Union can stick to their commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% till 2020 and to increase renewable energy use by 20% over the same period. Initiatives like "Young ideas for Europe" give young people the chance to get involved in the solutions of tomorrow. I am looking forward to hear the wishes and opinions of the young generation which might have the potential to change the future.

With best regards

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