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Overall, the European Union's current climate and energy policy framework is an excellent example of how Europe can work together on a common strategy on energy issues.

The framework aims at reducing the impact of climate change, gaining energy independence, creating industrial growth and providing better environmental solutions to our energy demands.

However, greater ambition is urgently needed and there are some issues and problems that need to be addressed in the development the 2030 framework.

The framework should be modified so that:

- Ambition levels of greenhouse gas (GHG) savings are significantly raised
- A legally binding energy efficiency target is introduced
- Binding national targets for renewable energies are maintained and ambition is raised to ensure a robust policy and stable investment framework.
- A sectoral renewable energy target for renewable energy in transport is scrapped.
- The amount of energy biomass can contribute to post-2020 targets is limited to what EU's maximum sustainable potential of domestic biomass feedstock can supply.

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Bioenergy

Bioenergy is energy derived from recently grown organic material (known as biomass, as opposed to fossil fuels that are ancient fossilized material).

Bioenergy can be used in liquid forms, such as biofuels for transportation, in gaseous forms like biogas or in solid forms as is the case when burning wood for energy. Bioenergy does emit CO₂ and its extraction can cause a host of environmental problems. If done properly, on the other hand, it can help in the fight against climate change.

Biofuels

Biofuels are a form of bioenergy - liquid fuel produced from biomass and used for transport. Current biofuels are by far the least efficient form of bioenergy and they require huge amounts of land for feedstock cultivation. Some biofuels are made of waste streams and have a much better environmental record.

- [Green Paper: a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies](#)