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BirdLife Europe supports achieving and going beyond Europe's 2020 renewables target, in line with four key principles:

Renewables must be low carbon

Renewable energy supply must make a significant difference in reducing greenhouse gas emissions compared to fossil fuels, accounting for emissions from the full life-cycle.

A strategic approach to deployment is needed

Positive planning frameworks are needed so that the most appropriate energy sources are exploited in the most appropriate places.

Harm to birds and biodiversity must be avoided

Precautionary avoidance of harm to biodiversity and ecosystems is essential when locating and designing renewable energy facilities.

Europe's most important sites for wildlife must be protected

Where significant impacts on a Natura 2000 site (those protected under the Birds- and Habitats Directives) are likely development may only proceed under strict conditions, which must be robustly applied.

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