



#### **2030 ENERGY-CLIMATE PACKAGE:**

« 2030 package: A pragmatic shift in focus for Energy & Climate policies »

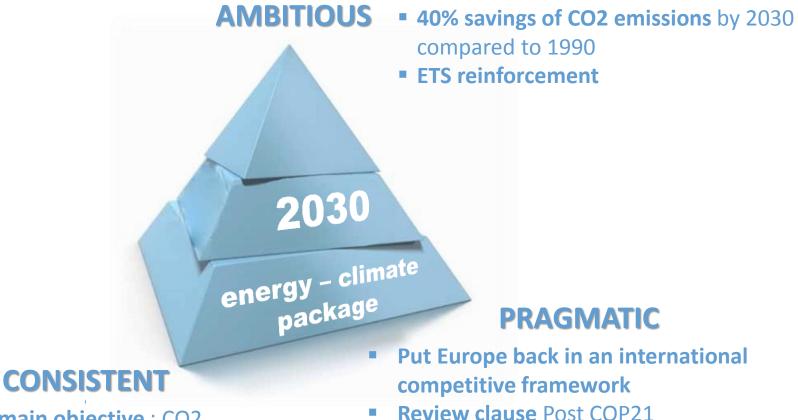
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### An ambitious, consistent & pragmatic Package



- One main objective : CO2
- A central tool : the Emission Trading System (ETS)

Through its 2030 Energy-Climate Package, UE shows, at a global level, an exemplary behaviour in order to fight climate change.

Actually, UFE considers this new Package as an ambitious, consistent, and pragmatic statement:

- Why is it AMBITIOUS?
- ⇒because the main target is 40% savings of CO2 emissions by 2030
- ⇒because it's binding at Member State level
  - Why is it CONSISTENT?
  - => because there is only one main objective : reducing CO2 emissions,
  - => because it reasserts that ETS is the main tool in a low carbon strategy
  - Why is it PRAGMATIC?
- ⇒because this package put Europe back in an international competitive framework
- ⇒because it includes a rewiew clause post COP21

So, for UFE, which gathers all generators operating in France, as well as TSO and DSO, this is clearly an improvement compared to the 2008 Energy-Climate Package



### VP of Energy Union emphasizes this shift in focus

- Beyond this new & ambitious Energy-Climate package, according to Maros Sefcovic, the Energy Union must be built on five pillars:
  - ✓ Security, Solidarity and Trust
  - ✓ Completion of a competitive internal market
  - ✓ Energy Efficiency
  - ✓ Decarbonisation of the European economy
  - ✓ Investments in R&D
- Ufe agrees with this shift of focus as we think we have 3 priority issues to deal with:

**Energy independance** 

Competitiveness

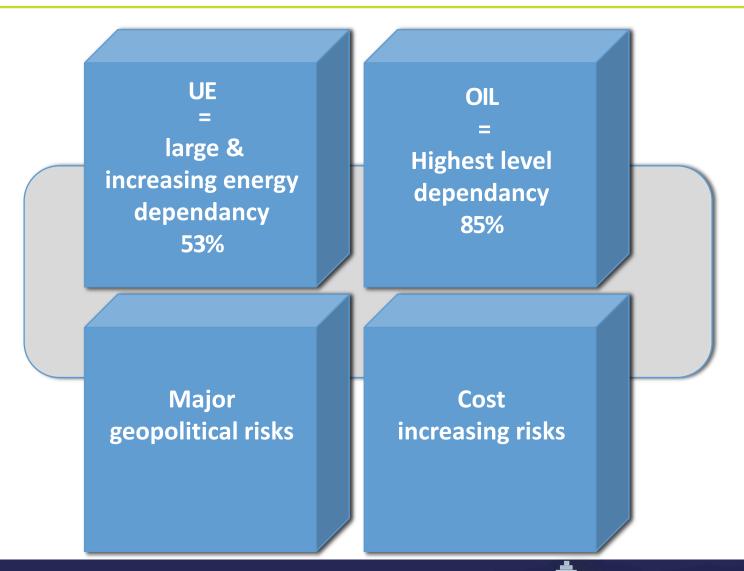
Security of Supply

In addition, Vice-President of the Energy Union, Maros Sefcovic, has underlined that EU must go a step forward to stabilize the EU energy policy. And he said that Energy Union must be built on five pillars among them the main two ones are: Security, Solidarity, and Trust and the completion of the a competitive internal market.

At this point, we can really speak of a shift in focus and UFE agrees with it as we think **we have three priority issues to deal with**:

- => We need to put a strong emphasis on how to diminish our energy dependancy
- => It is of an upmost urgency to cope with the **price issue**, not only for power, but also for Natural Gas
- => Developing power interconnections is not enough to ensure Security of Supply (SoS)

### **ISSUE 1: Energy independance**



EU energy dependancy is large and increasing: 10% in the last 10 years: 43 to 53 %.

And one of the main issues concerning EU dependancy is the **oil dependancy** with the highest level : **85** %.

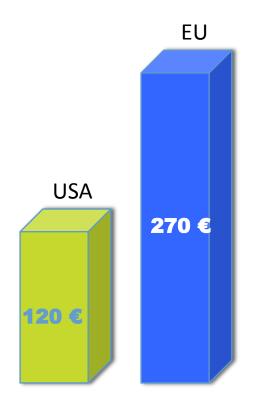
- Thus, we are facing 2 major risks : Geopolitical risks & Cost increasing risks
- This dependancy is clearly linked to the transportation sector. But unfortunatly, even if the 2030 package includes this sector, it is mainly focused on buildings. We need to rebalance the policy between the 2 sectors.

So, our conviction is : reducing the dependancy is fully consistent with the CO2 target; it means reducing fossil energy consumption

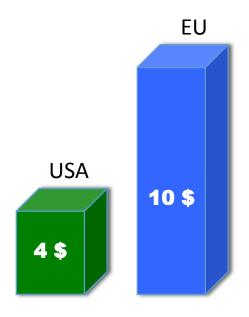


### ISSUE 2 : Competitiveness

#### **Power Prices (MWh)**



#### **Gas Prices (Mbtu)**



These figures pinpoint that, since 2010, Power prices in EU are 43% higher (270 €/MWh), compared to the US = + 17% (120€/MWh)

On the top of that, there is a real gap, between US and Europe, in the trend of the increase itself!

Meanwhile, Gas prices in EU are 10 \$ Mbtu, compared to US = 4 \$ Mbtu!

Thus, the 2020 package had a clear effect on power price levels in the EU. In the meantime, the shale gas revolution created an huge advantage for the US industry and helped to keep the US power at a lower level.

Here again, at the european level, there are 2 major risks:

- ⇒Risk of industrial delocalisation
- ⇒Risk of increasing social impact on fuel poor populations

So, we need to save our industry and help customers all over Europe.

### ISSUE 3 : Security of Supply

Security of supply is different from energy dependancy

#### **Security of supply addresses 4 topics:**

- Electrical networks stability (due to RES development)
- Infrastructures protection (including cyber attacks)
- Environmental risk (including nuclear)
- Long term investments financing

First of all, we have to be clear that **SoS** is different from the independancy issue, which is a geopolitical issue.

In the power industry, we are strongly concerned with 4 topics. Which are those?

- Firstly: the risk of supply disruption caused by the huge development of RES generation
- Secondly: the infrastructure protection, including, for the future, regarding the digital revolution, cyber attacks
- Thirdly: the environmental risk
- And finally, we are also deeply concerned by the fact that LT financing is not granted anymore in the
  present situation

That's why, in many countries, specifically in France, we're encouraging the implementation of capacity mechanism. And we are very gratefull that the European Commission supports this new approach to tackle the risk presented by EOM as far as SoS is concerned. We're, indeed, convinced that capacity mechanism is complementary to EOM.

### An efficient energy policy means to clarify ...

What is the GOAL

What are the ISSUES

What could be the KEY FACTORS of SUCCESS

To implement an efficient energy policy, we must avoid mixing up:

- Goals
- Issues
- Means

Our goal, in the long term, is clearly acknowledged as the decarbonation of the EU energy mix

But we are facing 3 immediate issues: Energy dependancy, Lack of Competitiveness, SoS

And to address theses goal and issues, each Member State can contribute by using his own means and by cooperating with the others states

### **Five Key Success Factors**

- Switching fossil fuel use to low carbon energy use
- Moderating energy demand
- Developping national ressources
- Optimising exchanges between member states without standardising national policies
- Increasing much more R&D, coherent with CO2 objective

To solve these complex issues, we are convinced that **Europe needs to activate 5 key success factors**:

- First of all, switching energy use must be the top priority (especially in the transportation sector)
- Then, of course, moderating energy demand is also very important, with a focus on fossil demand and with an economic rationale
- We must also develop all the available national resources and we must prevent the temptation of an ineffective standardisation of energy policies throughout the EU
- And last mean, the UE must developed a very ambitious R&D program, strictly focused on the LT decarbonisation objective

In conclusion, let me express again our conviction that the 2030 Package is a good first step in terms of improving European energy policy, thanks to a more pragmatic approach. But unfortunatly, Europe is facing an unprecedented challenge in terms of global competition, so we must not underestimate this issue when it comes to energy.