

The Fate of the EU's Sustainable Energy Policy

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The European Union (EU)'s claim to global leadership in tackling climate change was largely premised on its own policies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency options. Over the last five years, however, the momentum behind that role through those policies has been eroded as concerns over competitiveness, affordability and latterly security have taken precedence. This talk will examine how far and why the EU policy environment has changed and consider the implications of this change for the EU's contribution to global climate change negotiations.

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