

Call to action

# 3 steps to boost Europe's energy independence and competitiveness

Wind is 20% of the electricity Europe consumes. It's cheaper than fossil alternatives, even with the grid and system costs. And it's a completely local source of energy which strengthens Europe's energy security, resilience and independence.

Energy-intensive industries want more wind to help them electrify and reduce their energy bills. And the wind industry is a European success story. It provides 370,000 jobs today rising to 600,000 in 2030, and it's building new factories.

But Europe isn't building enough new wind farms to support its competitiveness. It's lagging behind badly on grid expansion, permitting and electrification.

3 simple actions will speed things up and boost Europe's energy security and competitiveness, alongside the full and immediate implementation of the EU Clean Industrial Deal:



Apply the new EU **permitting** rules. They work wonders. Germany is now permitting 7x as much onshore wind as 5 years ago. And filter out zombie projects from **grid connection** queues – they're clogging up the system.



Remove barriers to **electrification**. Let industry get state aid to electrify with renewable PPAs, which are not just for onsite power. Remove non-energy taxes and charges from electricity bills so renewables become an obvious choice for consumers.



De-risk wind investments with a stable pipeline of 2-sided **Contract for Difference** auctions. CfDs improve costs of capital and visibility on revenues and are good value for Governments.