

Greenhouse gas policies in the EU beyond 2012

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Outline

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2. Potentials – Greenhouse gas reductions and Renewables

3. Issues for policy making

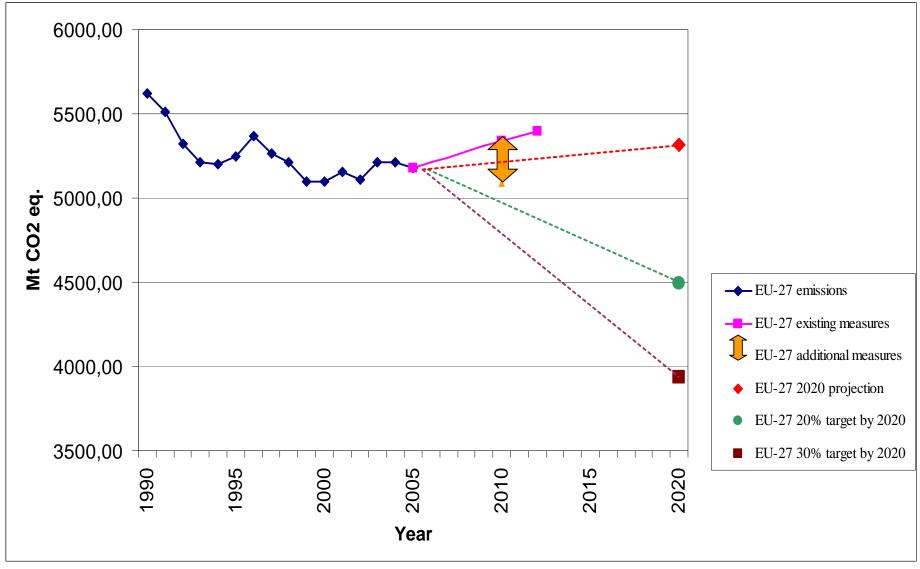


EU strategic objectives

- Temperature change limited to 2°Celsius
 => Global reduction at least 50% by 2050
- EU independent commitment to reduce GHGs by 20% by 2020
- If other developed countries join the EU is committed to reduce 30% by 2020
- Renewable energy 20% of energy consumption by 2020



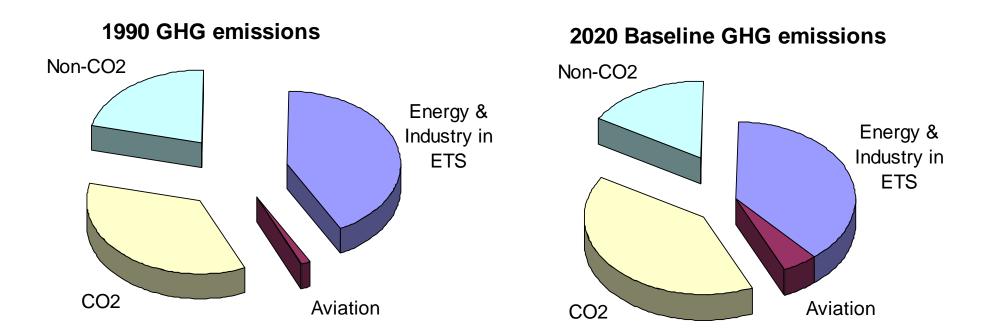
GHG emissions EU 27





EU ETS – Non EU ETS

• EU ETS in 2020: some 45% of total GHG emissions (existing EU ETS and aviation)





Synergies GHG and renewable targets

2020	BAU	Renewable target	GHG target	Both
Renewable (%) 2020	13	20	15	20
CO2-energy (% 1990)	+5	-6	-15	-17
All GHGes (% 1990)	-1	-9	-20	-20

Source : NTUA, Greece



Climate change & energy policies: agreed actions

- EU ETS (Review, aviation), global carbon markets
- Energy efficiency: 20% improvement by 2020
- Biofuels target of 10% by 2020
- Internal market-options unbundling & regulatory powers:
- Sustainable power generation from fossil fuels: up to 12 CCS demonstration plants by 2015; legal framework
- Strategic energy technology plan
- Nuclear: member states' choice



Issues for Spring Council 2008

• EU-ETS

o common objectives for CO2 ETS?o Auctioning? 100% power sector?

- Role of community measures in effort sharing between Member States?
- Role of JI/CDM in relation to 30% goal?
- Measures to limit 'leakage' if no international agreement?
- Common guarantee of origin to trade renewables?



Concluding remarks

- EU needs additional policies for 2020
- Renewable and GHG policies mutually supportive
- Issues
 - EU-CAP ETS and auctioning
 - JI/CDM and carbon leakage
 - o renewables flexibility
 - o community measures and effort sharing