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Title:

Building the European Union for the future

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The theme of the speech is to give us a general idea of what are European countries doing to build a friendly, sustainable and renewable world.

Facing with environmental challenges, the EU government has initiated 20/20/20 goals for 2020:

- 20 % of energy consumption by Renewable Energy Sources (RES)
- 20 % GHG/CO2 reduction
- 20 % efficiency increase

With this target, the EU government is working with each member state, industrial companies, and academic researchers to solve technological problems, economic and financial affairs and trade policy.

The EU government is also trying to enhance its global engagement:

- Enhancing neighbourhood
- Policy
- Strengthening regional alliances
- Tackling global issues:
 - ✓ Climate
 - ✓ Food



- ✓ Resource Scarcity
- ✓ Sustainability

After the global financial crisis, all the member states are trying to build the road to a new EU industrial renaissance: Solving the energy and climate challenge; Improving infrastructures for growth and Imaging a new economic governance.

The EU government is urgent need to “mobilise all policies in support of competitiveness, jobs and growth” to reverse the current declining trend of the industrial sector to give a new impetus, a new life to EU industry.

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