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**Question for written answer E-000581/25
to the Commission
Mathilde Androuët (Pfe)
(7 February 2025)**

Subject: Are the Commission's objectives regarding the rate of wind power installation still tenable and warranted?

In 2024, mainly thanks to nuclear energy, the share of decarbonised electricity produced by France was nearly 95 % ⁽¹⁾, though wind energy production fell by 8.4% in spite of a 6.6% increase in wind power capacity ⁽²⁾. France is the only major industrial country to have achieved such a level of electricity decarbonisation.

In September 2024, however, the Commission brought infringement proceedings against France, ⁽³⁾principally because its renewable-energy development targets for 2030 were regarded as insufficient and because of incomplete transposition of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 ⁽⁴⁾.

According to the European Court of Auditors, the cost of the energy transition in the EU between 2021 and 2030 is put at EUR 11 200 billion ⁽⁵⁾. To achieve 70% renewable-electricity capacity by 2030, Europe would have to double the rate of wind power installation and maintain the record rate achieved by solar in 2023 ⁽⁶⁾.

The problems and limitations of wind power within the renewable-energy mix, coupled with the staggering overall costs of the energy transition, are now well documented.

Does the Commission think it conceivable to lower its targets, in particular as regards wind power deployment?

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**Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
(11 April 2025)**

Renewable energy sources are necessary to achieve our decarbonisation targets and reach climate neutrality by 2050. The EU legislative framework in place fosters their deployment.

While the Renewable Energy Directive ⁽¹⁾ sets an overall EU target of 42.5% renewable energy by 2030, as well as several sectoral targets, it does not set technology-specific targets.

The EU legislative framework leaves discretion to Member States on technologies and what contribution they put forward, provided that the overall ambition is aligned with the achievement of the EU target.

The infringement procedure that the Commission opened in September 2024 (INFR(2024)0227) ⁽²⁾ is related to incomplete transposition of the permitting provisions of the directive 2023/2413 ⁽³⁾ by the transposition deadline (1 July 2024).

The correct transposition and implementation of EU law is crucial for achieving the policy goals of the Commission. To that end, the Commission services are in contact with the French authorities regarding this ongoing infringement procedure.

¹ <https://www.rte-france.com/actualites/production-electricite-francaise-atteint-plus-haut-niveau-depuis-5-ans>

² <https://www.rte-france.com/eco2mix/les-chiffres-cles-de-lelectricite>

³ <https://horizon-63.cerfrance.fr/actualites/energies-renouvelables-la-france-mise-en-demeure-par-la-commission-europeenne>

⁴ https://www.lemonde.fr/planete/article/2024/07/11/dans-le-plan-energie-climat-de-la-france-soumis-a-bruxelles-des-objectifs-insuffisants-en-matiere-de-renouvelables_6248839_3244.html

⁵ <https://www.connaissancedesenergies.org/tribune-actualite-energies/transition-energetique-quel-cout-et-queelles-mesures-prioritaires?>

⁶ https://www.iddri.org/sites/default/files/PDF/Publications/Catalogue%20Idri/Etude/202406-ST0224-transition%20elec%20EU_0.pdf?

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02018L2001-20240716>

⁽²⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/atwork/applying-eu-law/infringements-proceedings/infringement_decisions/

⁽³⁾ [https://ec.europa.eu/atwork/applying-eu-law/infringements-proceedings/infringement_decisions/?lang_code=en&langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&decisionDateFrom=01%2F08%2F2024&decisionDateTo=02%2F10%2F2024&dg=ENER&memberState=FR&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate&title=permitting&refId=INFR\(2024\)0227](https://ec.europa.eu/atwork/applying-eu-law/infringements-proceedings/infringement_decisions/?lang_code=en&langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&decisionDateFrom=01%2F08%2F2024&decisionDateTo=02%2F10%2F2024&dg=ENER&memberState=FR&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate&title=permitting&refId=INFR(2024)0227)

⁽⁴⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2023/2413/oj/eng>