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On 22 April 2026, the Commission adopted AccelerateEU¹, a toolbox to bring immediate relief to households and industries following the effects of the conflict in the Middle East, while putting Europe on a pathway to energy independence. The communication includes structural measures to further reduce dependency on volatile fossil fuel markets and build Europe's resilience against future risks based on homegrown clean energy and electrification.

In 2024, 71% of the EU's electricity generation came from clean energy sources, bringing cheap energy to the system. Nevertheless, electricity represents less than a quarter of the final energy consumption². This provides a clear case to accelerate electrification.

In this framework, the Commission has committed to present an Electrification Action Plan, including an ambitious electrification target and addressing horizontal barriers to electrification, as well as sector-specific issues in the industrial, transport and building sectors. Electrification is ramping up quickly in road transport, with more than 8 million battery electric vehicles on EU roads. The Automotive Package³ adopted by the Commission in December 2025 supports the sector's transition to clean mobility by setting an ambitious yet pragmatic policy framework to ensure 2050 climate neutrality and strategic independence while providing more flexibility to manufacturers. As part of the Package, the proposal amending the CO₂ standards for cars and vans Regulation⁴ enhances technological neutrality while maintaining a clear market signal for electrification which will support continued investment by the EU industry in the transition and safeguard its ability to remain competitive.

¹ AccelerateEU - Energy Union Affordable and Secure Energy through Accelerated Action Brussels, 22.4.2026 COM(2026) 370 final.

² Eurostat data.

³ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-themes/action-plan-future-automotive-sector/automotive-package_en.

⁴ COM/2025/995 final.