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*EU 2020 Renewable Energy*

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# EU Spring Council Conclusions

At 2007 Spring Council, EU Heads of Government agreed:

- **Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG):** 30% reduction by 2020 if other developed countries agree comparable reductions in post-2012 agreement; 20% if not
- **Emissions trading (ETS):** Strong commitment to emissions trading as a key policy to deliver climate change goals
- **Renewable energy (RES):** 20% of energy use to come from RES by 2020 – including 10% of transport fuel consumption to come from biofuels.
- **Energy efficiency:** 20% improvement in by 2020 (non-binding)

Commission proposals for directives to implement these commitments expected December 2007.

# UK approach

- Fully committed to Spring European Council package
- Need an approach that is:
  - Coherent
  - Ambitious
  - Credible
- Once MS contributions agreed, we will bring forward appropriate measures to make our contribution
- In meantime, current approach allows us to make significant progress

# Challenges to overcome:

- Starting positions
- Barriers
- Costs
- Impact on ETS
- Uncertainties

# Potential solutions in the Directive

- Member States' contributions
- Trajectories
- Sustainability
- Trading
- Penalties