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The European Wind Energy Association presented its report on wind energy and climate policy during a seminar in Brussels on 8 November 2011.

The report provides an analysis of to what extent wind energy contributes towards reaching the EU and UN- targets on CO2 emissions reductions.

The EU's own current target is to reduce CO2 emissions by 20% by the year of 2020. According to the estimates presented by EWEA, wind energy produced in the EU will count for 31 % of the EU objective by that time .EWEA however argues that an overall 30% reduction of CO2 emissions by the year of 2020 is feasible and in the report it is outline how this more ambitious target for the EU could become a reality.

The Climate Commissions Connie Hedegaard and Martin Lidegaard, the newly appointed Danish Minister for the environment, energy and buildings participated in the panel discussion that followed. Denmark will take over the Presidency of the European Council of Ministers in January 2012 and Minister Lidegaard emphasized the Danish governments strong commitment to put energy issues and the combat of climate change at the top of the EU:s agenda during the country's Presidency.

Ewea's report can be accessed here:

http://www.ewea.org/fileadmin/ewea_documents/documents/publications/reports/20110909_ClimateReport.pdf