



***A possible answer for European  
Policy makers***

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# Climate change is an emergency that must be addressed

- Demand reduction
- Efficiency, efficiency, efficiency....
- Renewables



Renewable energy needs to be hugely increased- but only where it makes sense!

- The test:
  - Can it reduce emissions in a significant way?
  - Does it harm ecosystems in a significant way?
- All renewables need safeguards
- Bioenergy needs extra attention- it is NOT carbon neutral

# Bioenergy is not like other renewables

- When you burn it- same emissions as fossil fuel
- But plants re-grow
- However-
  - If current growth is used- ILUC
  - If current growth is stored- LUC/Carbon debt



## Current EU policy needs fixing

- 20% target- good, but lacks safeguards
- 10% target- scrap it!
- Fuel Quality Directive (art 7a)- good, if accounting is sound
- To do list:
  - ILUC factors
  - Promote ILUC free fuels
  - Biomass standards
  - Fix accounting mistake in ETS



# Need for coherence

- Climate/energy policy
- LULUCF
- REDD+
- Agriculture/forest policies
- The great absents:
  - Consumption policy
  - Land use policy





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