

Dear Madam, Sir,

thank you very much for the opportunity to share our thoughts on the future eu2020 strategy (24.11.2009; COM(2009)647 Final: http://ec.europa.eu/eu2020/pdf/eu2020_en.pdf). Our input will be brief; as follows.

We plea for Differentiated Targets Sustainable Energy, and Good Neighbourship. The EU acknowledges the necessity to reduce the use of fossil fuel resources and to increase the levels of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) within the member states in order to have a carbon neutral society. The objective of 80% reduction of greenhouse cases calls for more renewable energy (RES) within the energy mix.

Achieving the RES objectives of the EU also calls for objectives on low ecological footprints and efficient resource utilisation.

To achieve these objectives the EU should intensify cooperation with the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The EU strategy will put a better alignment of Education, Science, Innovation and Business Development as the central pillar of development. By better cooperation between the EU and MENA countries within the knowledge triangle, energy policies and investment opportunities, a level playing field for all electricity producers through a trans-European integrated independent power network with interconnections to MENA countries and a clear roadmap towards 80% reduction in greenhouse gases in 2050 compared to 1990, it is possible for the EU to solve several grand challenges.

Last but not least, please allow me to briefly touch our own organisation and mission. The acronym EUKEP stands for EUropean Knowledge Economy Platform, basically a (registered) foundation. Our mission is to support regional governments who have a knowledge economy vision, but encounter challenges in the process of turning ideas into concrete actions and tangible results. That is where EUKEP steps in. The EUKEP team advices on and organises appropriate value chains on societal knowledge economy challenges. One of priorities and areas of expertise is CSP (Concentrated Solar Power). You may read more about is on our website www.eukep.com.

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