

Will the Resource Efficiency Roadmap be complete?

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Key points

- Europe 2020 Strategy sets the real priorities but has major deficiencies.
- Resource Efficiency Flagship and Roadmap essential 'retro-fitting'.
- 7EAP to continue to built and strengthen the environmental political agenda on a solid scientific basis.



Europe 2020

- Environmental agenda narrowed down to an underperforming climate and energy agenda.
- Climate targets too low and energy savings targets not binding and unclear.
- Biodiversity and other resources targets missing.
- Weak governance structure



Enter Flagship and Roadmap

- Flagship provides resource efficiency, and some extent biodiversity more political clout.
- ‘Business as usual not an option’: details to come in the RE-roadmap and about 20 other initiatives.



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Case of energy savings

- EU 2020 Strategy contains a non binding target for energy savings.
 - National Reform Programmes to ensure delivery on basis of a non binding Council paper.
 - This is not adding up to an energy savings policy
- The proposed Energy Efficiency Directive may be able to address this.



Case of Water FD

- First Framework Directive, adopted in 2000, has it delivered?
 - It defined objectives, set up new water governance structures, measures based on solid analysis, economic incentives.
 - Yet Member States have been very successful in pushing back measures
- Framework only makes sense when there is sufficient substance and 'bite'.



Role for the 7EAP

- Political function of an EAP: without a strong environmental agenda, there is nothing to be integrated.
- Set long term objectives, based on science: e.g 40% carbon reduction by 2020.
- Tackle emerging challenges: cocktail effects, nano technologies.
- Ensure a new 'green economy' is actually green

