

China's NPC adopts 13th Five-Year-Plan - The Global Race for Green Tech is on

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"The adoption of the 13th Chinese Five-Year-Plan with its ambitious goals for energy and climate policies gave the start signal for a global race on green growth and on the leadership for green technologies, energy efficiency and the digital economy", said Jo LEINEN (S&D, DE), Chair of the EP Delegation for relations with China after the National People's Congress adopted the 13th Five-Year-Plan on Wednesday.

By 2020, China wants to double its wind power capacity, triple its solar power output and put 10 times more electric cars on its roads. "Those goals are strong signals for a sustainable development towards a low carbon economy", said Jo LEINEN.

The European Industry should see this "green growth" in China as an opportunity to set up projects in clean technologies to accompany this major development in China. The 13th Five-Year-Plan should be a wake-up call to Europe, not to miss the technological race for climate friendly products, such as electric cars.

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