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A balanced, ambitious and consumer-oriented energy union, asked MEPs

On Tuesday morning, MEPs discussed with the Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Energy Maros Sefcovic the recently released "State of the Energy Union Report", tackling issues such as the balance between industry and decarbonisation, the challenges of Nord Stream project to the energy security, and the need for ambitious interconnectivity on the European energy and electricity market.

There should be a balance between the ETS reform, the decarbonisation plans, and the need to protect European industries, especially the steel one, highlighted some MEPs. Others emphasised the need to focus more on the renewables and innovation, while respecting the national mixes, while some MEPs considered the Energy Union plans of the Commission as not being ambitious enough.

MEPs from several political groups raised concerns over the plans to double the capacity of the Nord Stream gas link between Russia and Germany and how this could increase dependency on Russia.

Interconnectivity and the need of less supply dependency were mentioned by several MEPs, while some expressed also concerns about the energy poverty and asked to Commission to be more ambitious on bringing more benefits for the consumers.

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- [Statement of Jerzy Buzek, chairman of Parliament's committee on Industry and Energy on the "State of the Energy Union" \(18.11.2015\)](#)
- [Procedure file - "Towards a European Energy Union"](#)
- [Procedure file - "Achieving the 10% electricity interconnection target - Making Europe's electricity grid fit for 2020"](#)
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