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EU's Going Through an Energy Crisis that Threatens Our Climate Goals

The ripple effects of the Russian aggression in Ukraine have kick started a huge change in our geopolitical environment. In recent days and weeks, Russia has again and again demonstrated that it is an unreliable supplier who uses energy as a political weapon – trying to single out targets across the EU. The disruptions in gas flows to a number of countries are clearly designed to undermine the EU's unity and determination in the face of Kremlin's invasion of Ukraine.

But the EU has remained united. Six packages of sanctions so far have been agreed on. And remaining united is also extremely important for our energy security during this time. That underlines the importance of events like the Three Seas Forum. Each member country faces a different energy challenge in this new context but working collectively can enhance our energy security. Coordination is more important now than ever.

In this new political context, we cannot continue to feed the Russian war machine with our fossil fuel imports. Instead, we need a plan to look forward. That Plan is RepowerEU: a blueprint to build a future based on a clean energy system without Russian influence. A plan that builds on our Green Deal, not change the course of it.

Because it would not make sense to try and replace fossil fuels from Russia simply with fossil fuels from somewhere else. It would jeopardize our decarbonization goals. The Green Deal existed long before Russia made the decision to attack Ukraine. So, we will stay on the same track but pick up the pace with REPowerEU. To do that, the central element of our Plan is to boost renewable energy even further. This means more renewable electricity to replace gas in power generation, heating and cooling, more renewable gases to help industry to shift away from gas. ∎

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