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Title of the lecture: Austria`s Energy Strategy

Short description of speaker`s professional career:

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Abstract:

The objective of Austria`s Energy Strategy is to develop a sustainable energy system which makes competitive and affordable energy services available for private consumption as well as for businesses in the future whilst implementing EUs Climate and Energy Policy 20/20/20 targets, especially the specific Austrian obligations:

- increase of the share of renewable energy of 23% in 2005 to 34% in 2020
- 16% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in non-ETS sectors

Security of supply, environmental compatibility, cost effectiveness, social compatibility and competitiveness have been fixed as core requirements as well as the need to secure and create “green jobs”.

Austria`s energy strategy consists of three pillars:

- energy efficiency: improvements at all stages of supply and use of energy (e.g. new and refurbished buildings, sustainable mobility, implementation of energy management systems, spatial planning, etc.)
- renewable energy: focus on hydro power (including pump storage), wind power, biomass and photovoltaic
- security of supply: to be increased at the highest possible degree of cost effectiveness (e.g. district heating and cooling, new transmission

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networks, diversification of supply sources and routes, gas storage, smart grids and smart metering)

To achieve the objectives a stabilization of final energy consumption until 2020 at the level of 2005 has been fixed.

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