



No new EU climate targets

No new carbon dioxide emissions reductions targets for 2030 will be announced until after the next EU parliamentary elections in 2014. "The time is not there," says Jos Delbeke, the European Commission's director general for climate. "We will have to be clear on 2030 early in the next Commission period, and that means 2015 or 2016."

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What Exactly Is A Smart City?

Before you start pushing for smarter cities, it helps to know exactly what you're advocating for. While some people continue to take a narrow view of smart cities by seeing them as places that make better use of ICT, others view smart cities as a broad, integrated approach to improving the efficiency of city operations, the quality of life for its citizens, and growing the local economy.

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Long life batteries

New German made super-coolant called CryoSolplus can keep EV batteries operating at optimum efficiency even in extreme temperature. This is very good and timely news for the electric car industry since extreme heat (and cold) can be the bane of batteries reducing battery life and efficiency by a substantial amount perhaps as high as 50%.

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Energy Efficiency Directive

EU ministers placed the last piece of the 20-20-20 climate puzzle, agreed in 2007, by throwing their weight behind the EU's Energy Efficiency Directive. The next step for member states is to present their national indicative targets by April 2013. If the Commission does not find the targets satisfactory - reaching the overall 20% by 2020 energy efficiency goal - then member states will be required to re-assess their plans and send another proposal to the Commission or risk penalties.

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