

## Press Release

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### **FORATOM sees EC's 2050 Energy Roadmap as endorsement of nuclear energy's role in Europe's low-carbon future**

**FORATOM, the trade association representing the European nuclear industry, welcomes the European Commission's Energy 2050 Roadmap as an important contribution to the debate on how to decarbonise the EU's electricity generating sector whilst at the same time ensuring security of energy supply and competitiveness.**

The European nuclear industry particularly welcomes the Energy 2050 Roadmap's reference to nuclear energy as making "a significant contribution to the energy transformation process" and being "a key source of low-carbon electricity generation." These statements, coupled with the Roadmap's emphasis that nuclear energy "contributes to lower system costs and electricity prices," unequivocally endorse safe nuclear energy's key role in helping Europe to achieve its low-carbon goals while promoting security of energy supply and competitiveness.

Responding to the Roadmap, Jean-Pol Poncelet, FORATOM's Director General, emphasised: "The nuclear industry strongly supports on-going efforts to secure Europe's low-carbon energy future. It is convinced that considerable long-term investment in both renewables and nuclear energy is essential, thereby maintaining Europe's nuclear technology leadership. We very much hope that the EC will help create the market conditions that will favour such investment. The industry is committed to playing a full and active role in the debate that is shaping Europe's energy future, up to 2050 and beyond."

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