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### European Studies

#### EC State of the Energy Union Report

End of 2015 the European Commission adopted the first State of the Energy Union Report which looks at progress made over the last nine months and identifies key action areas for 2016 and provides policy conclusions at Member State, regional and European level. The new package includes national factsheets on each Member State. The report states that the EU is on track to meet its target of 20% renewables by 2020. All but three Member States (LU, NL and UK) met their 2013/14 interim target based on 2013 data. To ensure that the EU will reach its common 2030 target of 27% renewable energy, the new Renewable Energy Directive will establish measures and policies: *"The new Renewable Energy Directive and the bioenergy sustainability policy for 2030, to be presented in 2016, should provide the right framework to achieve the binding EU-level target of at least 27% renewable energy by 2030.*

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#### EU report calls for mandatory separate collection of biowaste

The study assessed the legislation and practice of separate collection systems for waste across the 28 EU member states. Setting out recommendations, the report states that strict separate collections (one recyclable in one bin) "usually leads to higher recycling rates", and that mandatory separate collection systems for certain municipal waste fractions, e.g., waste paper, in addition to packaging waste, or mandatory separate collection of biowaste, should be introduced. The report is likely to be welcomed by the anaerobic digestion (AD) sector as it has repeatedly called on the government to back separate food collections. Around two thirds of the sector's potential comes from treating food waste.

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#### Directive on the Deployment of Alternative Fuels Infrastructure

DG MOVE has published a number of documents to support the Member States for the Implementation of the Directive on the Deployment of Alternative Fuels Infrastructure. The documents comprise: Good Practice Examples; A Suggested Template for drafting the National Policy Frameworks; Fact Sheets on alternative fuels projects funded through ELENA Funds, TEN-T and the FP7 LNG Blue Corridors project; Fact Sheets on alternative fuels in Member States.

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#### DECC biomass sustainability criteria entered into force

Since October 2015 UK biomethane producers injecting into the grid have to ensure that all biomass meets sustainability criteria laid down by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). They have provide actual data to demonstrate a minimum GHG saving of 60%. Ofgem has made available an Official Biomass Carbon Calculator which covers all bioenergy. However, as the tool was developed primarily for solid biomass combustion, a number of omissions have been found.

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