



## The EU Taxonomy needs to better support the transition

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The latest leaked delegated act on climate change mitigation and adaptation activities under the EU Taxonomy regulation will not adequately support the EU's transition towards climate-neutrality. "The role of flexible gas power generation both to decarbonise carbon-intensive areas in the short-term and to stabilise a system with increasing shares of variable renewables is neglected in the draft", EUTurbines Secretary General Ralf Wezel points out.

"It is positive that gas power generation is now described as a sustainable activity. However, the proposed 100g CO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh limit can only be achieved once large amounts of renewable and low-carbon gases become available. In the meantime, the EU Taxonomy needs to foresee transitional activities for future-proof gas power generation – acknowledging the relevance of this option in the transitional period."

The transitional aspect is partially recognised for combined heat and power generation. "But this is not enough", Ralf Wezel clarifies. "The proposal to replace existing CHP installations is too time-limited and is restricted to just transition regions, considerably limiting the potential of this technology option".

"We urge policy makers to introduce transitional activities for gas power generation. Only like this the EU Taxonomy will be able to accelerate the transition towards a climate-neutral energy system. The turbine industry is ready to accompany the process and provide future-proof solutions, to ensure that future investments do not lead to a carbon lock-in", Ralf Wezel concludes.

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