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# Three points for a cost-efficient energy transition

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## The energy transition is at a critical point



Levies for renewable energies reach an all-time high



**Rising electricity prices burden consumers and industry** 



Too many coal-fired power plants in the energy mix have negative impact on  $CO_2$  emissions

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Germany in second year of energy transition – course corrections necessary

Most energy transition targets probably won't be reached

Target of 50 percent renewables in gross electricity consumption will be reached by 2030



Greenhouse gas emissions should be reduced 55 percent by 2030 - 1020 ln 2012, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions rose by 2 percent



Electricity consumption should decline 10 percent by 2020, but remaining constant

## High electricity prices burden industry and private households



1) Preliminary forecast for 2013: 28.5 cents

Source: Eurostat; IEA

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## Create competitive advantages with the energy transition – Example U.S.

- Shift from coal to gas-fired power plants reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Cheap energy prices create competitive advantage
- Energy-intensive companies investing again in the U.S.
- Around 100 industry projects worth US\$100 billion are planned
- Up to 5 million new jobs could be created by 2020





## Energy transition could be up to €150 billion cheaper



Source: AG Energy balances (values for 2012), Siemens AG

- Energy transition will be a success only if it is economical
- Optimized energy mix secures CO<sub>2</sub> targets at substantially lower costs
- Give up fixed target for renewable energies
- Bank on higher share of low-emission combined cycle power plants and wind energy
- €150 billion could be saved by 2030 with the same CO<sub>2</sub> targets

## Three-Point Plan for a cost-efficient energy transition

## **1. Restructure the energy market**

- Feed-in responsibility rather than feed-in priority
- Support renewable energies on competitive terms
- Europe-wide regulations for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Fixed-cost consumer levy based on their grid connection
- Maintain an annually determined winter reserve to avoid blackouts

## 2. Increase energy efficiency

3. European coordination of the energy transition

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