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### Facts

- The earth is warming at an increasing speed
- Human activities are responsible for global warming

### The need to act (now)

- Precautionary principle
- CO<sub>2</sub> remains in the atmosphere for 1-2 centuries
- World emissions need to peak by 2015 and decline drastically thereafter (IPCC)
- Oil, gas, uranium and coal are all finite resources

## The climate policy of the Walloon government

- **Strategy to reduce GHG emissions by 30% by 2020 and 80-95% by 2050 (compared to 1990 levels)**
- **Climate decree in preparation**
- **Will include general and sector-based targets, as well as the tools to achieve them**
- **First document discussed by the government... tomorrow!**

## Priorities of the Walloon energy policy

- **Promotion of energy savings**
- **Development of renewable energy sources**
- **Access to energy for all**
- **Framing of the liberalised gas and electricity markets**

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### Energy policy measures – a few highlights

- **Strengthening the energy performance of buildings (EPB)**  
- towards *very low-energy* and *passive* buildings
- **Regional renewable energy strategy and support scheme for 'green heat'**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> energy efficiency action plan (June 2011)**
- **Social guidance and counselling**
- **Support for the industry through strengthened sector-based agreements**

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### Marshall Plan '2.Vert'

- Alliance for jobs and the environment
- Support for third-party investment schemes and public-private partnerships
- Pilot-projects and actions in the public housing sector
- Authorities' leading role (public buildings)
- Investment in energy research (i.a. smart grids)

**Conclusion :**  
**climate controversies have had**  
**NO impact on regional**  
**energy policies**

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