



PANDEMIC PLANNING and RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

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Energy security response to COVID-19

- The **energy system has proven to be resilient** thanks to the good preparedness of the energy sector and strong internal energy market.
- Required **adaptation and efforts**, also in the energy sector:
 - Operators: ensuring continuity of critical operations.
 - Energy markets: adapting to the demand shock.
 - National and EU authorities: ensuring mobility, facilitating information exchange, protecting vulnerable customers...

Energy security response – EU level

- **Meetings of the EU Ministers** of April, June and December.
- European Commission issued **guidelines**:
 - to ensure mobility of workers, specific reference to energy technicians
 - free movement of goods
 - the protection of assets and technology.
- Permanent **communication and exchange of information** through Experts Groups (industry + public authorities) on:
 - Electricity, Gas, Oil (security of supply)
 - Offshore safety, Nuclear safety
- 2 June 2020 released “**Good practices and lessons learnt** “ in the energy sector.

Upcoming waves

- **Reintroduction of measures**, improved based on the lessons learnt.
- Attention and exchange of information regarding **postponed maintenance works**, that could result in an accumulative number of assets unavailable.
- Need to remain vigilant to the **medium and long-term risks and challenges**.

Continue to strengthen energy security

- Continue **implementing** the regulations, and enhance **regional preparedness and coordination**.
- Enhance resilience of **critical supply chains** for energy technologies.
- Improve resilience and cybersecurity of **critical energy infrastructure**,
- Develop a network code on **cybersecurity** in the energy sector.
- Boost **recovery** for a greener, more digital and more resilient Europe.

Documents



https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/communication-safe-sustained-reopening_en.pdf



https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/1_en_document_travail_service_part1_v3.pdf

Thank you

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