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Nuclear energy is part of EU's 2050 low-carbon economy strategy

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The EC published today a Communication setting out the strategy required to promote Europe's transition to a low-carbon economy by 2050. The central components of this strategy are reducing EU greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 80% by 2050 compared to 1990 levels, and increasing the share of low-carbon technologies in the EU's electricity mix, which includes nuclear energy, to almost 100% by 2050.

FORATOM, the trade association representing the European nuclear industry, welcomed the publication of the EC's 2050 climate change roadmap. FORATOM's Director General, Santiago San Antonio, stressed: "The Communication's recognition that low-carbon technologies will play a vital role in the future energy mix reinforces nuclear energy's contribution to the fight against climate change. Nuclear energy produces almost one third of the EU's electricity and two thirds of its CO₂-free electricity. Without it the EU cannot accomplish its low-carbon economy goals."

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