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Dear Mayor, dear Councillor, dear colleague,

The Austrian government announced this week it had followed through on a pledge to file a legal challenge to the European Union's inclusion of nuclear energy (and natural gas) in a list of "green" investments.

We are talking about the European Union's so-called taxonomy, a rulebook defining which investments can be labelled "climate friendly" and designed to guide investors toward green projects that will help deliver Europe's emissions-cutting targets.

See for more background and CNFE's position on this issue our CNFE Mails of January and February this year.

Austria's legal action, submitted to the EU's general court, makes 16 arguments for why Brussels should annul the rules - including that nuclear energy cannot meet a requirement to "do no significant harm" to the environment because of concerns about radioactive waste.

Environmental NGOs including Greenpeace, also launched separate legal challenges last month against the rules, which they said violated the EU's own climate laws.

CNFE is happy with, and fully supports, the action of the Austrian government. We will keep you informed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any information, questions or remarks.

Kind regards,

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