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Dear Mayor, dear Councillor, dear colleague,

In order to meet the EU's climate and energy targets for 2030 and reach the objectives of the European Green Deal, it is fundamental to direct investments towards sustainable projects and activities.

To achieve this, a common language and a clear definition of what is 'sustainable' is needed. This is why the EC is working on a common classification system for sustainable economic activities, or an "EU taxonomy".

One of the strongly discussed issues is if nuclear energy is sustainable or not. The nuclear industry claims that nuclear plants contribute to climate protection, so that public subsidy will be still available for new nuclear plants. To support their point, they published a report, written by Joint Research Centre – with a long pro-nuclear history – that doesn't see any problem with nuclear being sustainable.

As you are aware CNFE (and many others) argue the opposite.

The Austrian Ecology Institute now wrote a review on the JRC report and put all facts, pros and cons, in a clear report. The report was presented in June. See:

https://res.cloudinary.com/dhymuyvek/image/upload/v1624898956/Critical_review_presentation_at_press_conference_9485f18e24.pdf

The conclusion is clear: The JRC report is incomplete and comes to wrong conclusions.

To make the critical review of the Austrian Ecology Institute better known, CNFE, together with many other organizations and groups, have sent the report to the European Commission. In the attached letter, the main conclusions of the review are summarized.

A lot of discussion takes place around the EU Taxonomy. If nuclear energy is categorized as "sustainable" or not, can make a big difference for the safety of our citizens. And if the dying nuclear industry can jeopardize that safety or not, with help of our own tax money. Therefore it is important that the voice of the cities, who are directly responsible for the well-being and health of our citizens, is being heard.

CNFE will continue lobbying for a nuclear free Europe.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any question or remarks.

Kind regards

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