



# Exchanging experience and discussion of opportunities for economic diversification and transformation

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# Context

- **Economic diversification and socio-economic trends offer challenges and opportunities for all countries**
- **These are of a broad and multi-faceted nature (e.g. finite/renewable resources, population trends, technological innovation) and go beyond climate change and climate action**
- **A transition to a low-greenhouse gas emitting society provides an opportunity to diversify**





# Opportunities

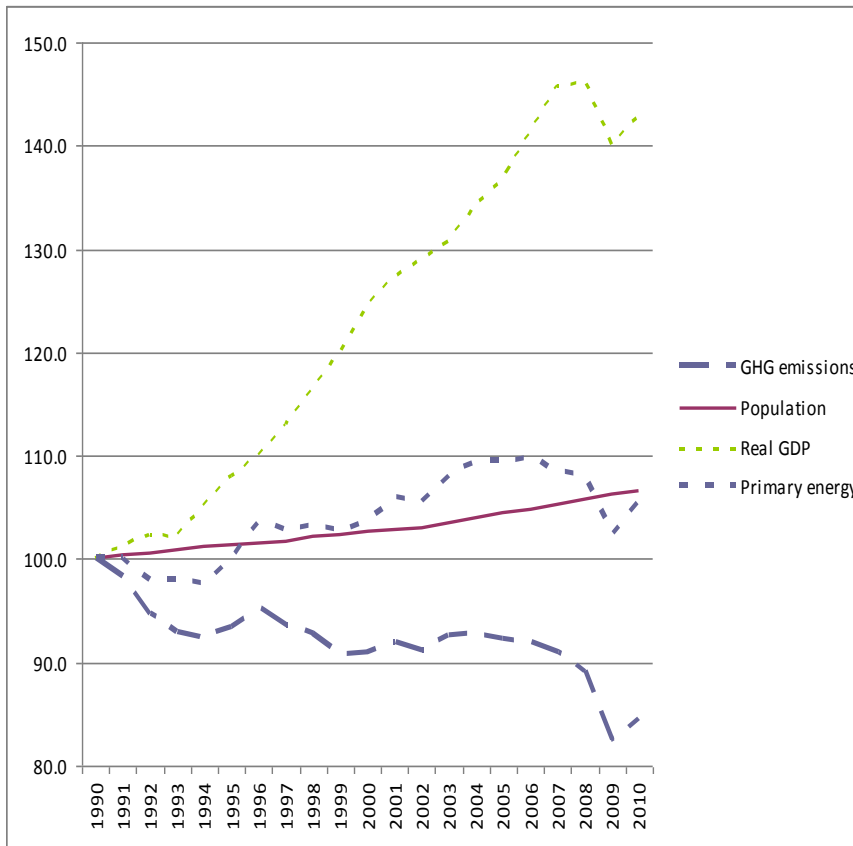
- We believe that policies for economic diversification can have significant co-benefits for addressing climate change
- Conversely, policies and measures to address climate change can be a driver for economic diversification – e.g. in renewable energy, transport, housing, etc.
- Clear interlinkages with other policy areas, including education and gender





# EU examples

## Decoupling economic growth and GHGs



**EU GDP grew 40% from 1990 to 2010**

**Energy consumption grew some 5%**

**EU cut emissions by 18.4% from 1990 to 2011**

**We're on track towards a 20% emission reduction by 2020**



# EU examples, cont'd

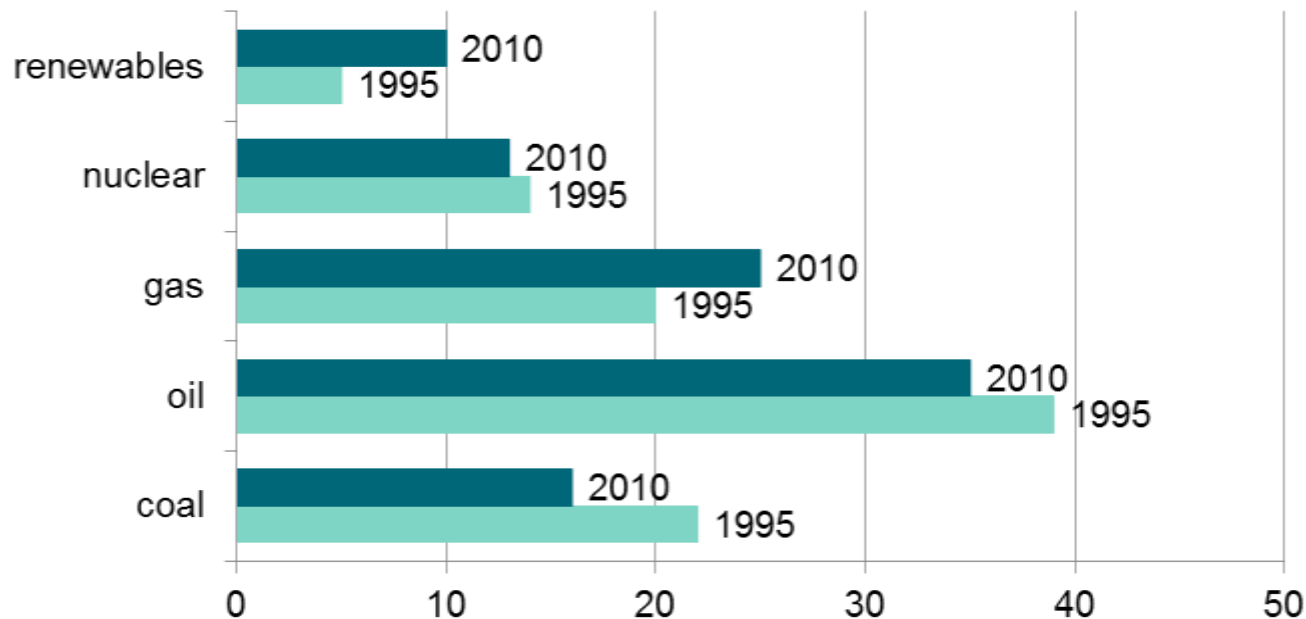
## EU renewables policy

- **Targets: 20% share of energy consumption from renewable sources by 2020 and a 10% share of renewable energy in transport**
- **National MS action plans, must take into account the effects of other energy efficiency measures on final energy consumption**
- **MS can exchange an amount of energy from renewable sources using a statistical transfer, and set up joint projects**



# EU examples, cont'd

## EU diversification in energy consumption (in %)





# Interaction

- The objective of the work programme on RM is improving the understanding of the impact of the implementation of RM, positive and negative
- We can best improve understanding by sharing information through open discussions among Parties, experts and civil society
- We look forward to a lively discussion during the forum meetings here in Bonn



# Thank you!