

# Wind Power Action Plan

## BACKGROUND

In her State of the Union Address 2023, Ursula von der Leyen announced the EU's commitment to collaborating with industry stakeholders and Member States on a European Wind Power package. This would streamline permitting procedures, enhance auction systems, promote skill development, facilitate access to financial resources and ensure stable supply chains.

On 24 October, the Commission published its communication on a European Wind Power Action Plan with 15 concrete actions to address the key challenges of deploying renewable energy infrastructure in Europe. Specifically, these actions are structured into 6 pillars:

1. Acceleration of deployment through increased predictability and faster permitting
2. Improved auction design
3. Access to finance
4. Ensuring a fair and competitive international environment
5. Skills
6. Industry engagement and member states commitment

## KEY DATES

13/09/23	State of the Union Address
13/10/23	Commission Work Programme 2024
24/10/23	Communication on a European Wind Power Action Plan

## RELEVANCE FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Consulting engineers play a key role in the roll-out of renewable energy infrastructure in Europe. However, due to current challenges in the renewable energy sector, including long planning and permitting procedures, as well as a lack of financial incentives, we observe a migration of business in the sector towards other markets. EFCA welcomes the Commission's work on this matter as we are observing that currently, investment and skills go to other regions and industries that are developing renewable energy projects. To effectively achieve our climate objectives and bolster energy autonomy, the European Union must establish a more resilient policy framework. The EFCA European Green Deal Committee closely monitors any developments in this regard.