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## **Foundation for the right policy choices handed over to Energy Ministers Febeliec asks for constructive dialogue on energy transition**

Today, the federal and regional ministers for energy and economy received the study “Energy transition in Belgium – Choices & costs”. With this study, Febeliec provides the authorities with a large perspective on what it will cost to guarantee electricity security of supply for our country in 2030 in an optimal way. Febeliec hopes to start a dialogue soon with all the authorities concerned.

*“It was our goal to dispose of solid figures and to evaluate how the different energy and climate objectives can be reached at the lowest possible cost and without jeopardising security of supply”, says Peter Claes, director of Febeliec. “Now that the study has been finalised, we would like to share this information with all competent authorities in order for the right policy choices to be made as regards energy transition”.*

The study, which was ordered by Febeliec and carried out by EnergyVille, calculated the impact of various policy options on the energy cost for different scenarios. Simulations were made with amongst others higher or lower imports, higher or lower fuel prices, the life extension of nuclear plants, taking of course also into account the European context.

The report shows that the transition will be particularly costly and that making the right choices will be of utmost importance for Belgian industry’s future. The study also shows that, besides the current policy choices, still other scenarios aiming at lowering the cost of electricity production are possible, rather than the option to maintain the current policy. Besides, the optimal mix would not only result in the lowest possible costs, but would allow to achieve the Belgian target on renewable energy in 2020 and to further significantly increase renewable electricity generation afterwards. *“We ask for a constructive dialogue on the alternative choices in policy”,* says Peter Claes. Febeliec reiterates its request for a clear choice in favour of a better market functioning and a coherent policy which allows to produce secure and competitive electricity.

*“In all scenarios, electricity is becoming excessively expensive compared to the current situation”,* continues Peter Claes. *“In order to preserve the competitiveness of our companies and to secure employment, we must therefore insist on the urgent introduction of an energy norm, which guarantees that electricity for industry in Belgium is not more expensive than in our neighbouring countries”,* concludes Peter Claes.

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