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**An Update on The German Energiewende: Heroic but Disordered**

*The German Energiewende is a heroic but – as it's conceived now – increasingly disordered effort for unshackling industrial society from the chains of fossil fuels. Due to mistaken assumptions and unrealistic scheduling, it is now confronted with persistent obstacles. The new Merkel government has introduced some changes, but they won't be enough to sustain the Energiewende,*

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