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**Promoting sustainable energy production in the Netherlands (SDE+).
Feasibility and affordability of policy goals**

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In this audit report the Netherlands Court of Audit concluded that it is not realistic to expect the Netherlands to achieve its targets of producing 14% of its energy from renewable sources in 2020 and 16% in 2023 under the current policy. Amending the main policy instrument, the Sustainable energy production support scheme (SDE+), will not be effective because in broad lines it already works relatively efficiently. It is possible to achieve the 2020 and 2023 objectives by reinforcing the SDE+ scheme, but only at the price of a supplementary expenditure. This amounts to € 12,8 billion with Netherlands-based projects only or €9,3 billion if SDE+ is opened up for projects abroad. Other policies, outside the SDE+ scheme, are also imaginable, including not reaching the objectives completely. But anyhow, decisions must be taken now. The Minister of Economic Affairs needs to take a decision on how the Netherlands will achieve the targets agreed internationally with other EU member states and nationally in the Energy Agreement.