

Overview of the 2021 Government Work Report with focus of energy

On 4 March 2021, the Fourth Session of the Thirteenth National People's Congress was held in Beijing. Premier Li Keqiang of the State Council read out the 2021 Government Work Report, clarifying the main goals of the 14th Five-Year Plan and the main tasks for 2021.⁸ During the 14th Five-Year Plan period, the government aims to implement the 2030 Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) targets and to promote high-quality economic development and high-level ecological environmental protection coordinately. Energy intensity (energy consumption/RMB 10,000 GDP) and carbon intensity (CO₂/RMB 10,000 GDP) are to be reduced by 13.5% and 18% respectively (the 13th Five-Year Plan targets were -15% and -18% respectively), the forest coverage rate aims to reach 24.1%, and polluted weather should be basically eliminated.



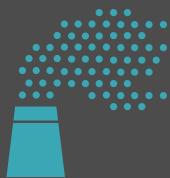
Key targets and tasks in energy, power and environmental protection sectors in 2021



**GDP grows by
above 6%**



**energy intensity
reduces by 3%**



**Formulate an
action plan for
peaking carbon
emissions by 2030**

- Optimize energy structure; promote efficient use of coal with low emission, strive to develop new energy, and actively and orderly develop nuclear power under the premise of safety insurance;
- Allow all manufacturing enterprises to participate in market-oriented electricity transactions, and continue to promote the reduction of general industrial and commercial electricity prices;
- Increase parking lots, charging piles, battery swapping station facilities, as well as to speed up the construction of power battery recycling system.



- Accelerate the construction of a national energy-using rights and carbon emissions trading markets, and improve the dual control system for total energy consumption and energy use intensity;
- Implement special financial support policies for green and low-carbon development, and set up carbon emission reduction support tools;
- Expand the scope of the preferential income tax catalog for environmental friendly, energy saving and water saving enterprises, and promote the R&D and application of new-type energy saving and environmental protection technologies, equipment and products;
- Continue to increase efforts to improve the ecological environment, and the clean heating rate in the northern region should reach 70%;

⁸ “2021年政府工作报告（全文）”，the Chinese government, 5 March 2021, accessed at <http://www.china-cer.com.cn/guwen/2021021911402.html>; “最全！一图读懂2021年《政府工作报告》”，Chinese government, 5 March 2021, accessed at http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2021-03/05/content_5590441.htm.