

Learning from Europe's Mistakes

Can the US catch up in climate protection?

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The central messages of the article are: Europe has been focusing on greater energy efficiency for some time, while the United States has lagged behind. But with its impressive capacity for innovation, the US still has the potential to become an alternative energy role model alongside Europe. Ultimately, together, the EU and the US will have to prepare the rest of the world for the effects of climate change.

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