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IEA’s Birol sees coal growth as “wrong direction”

“Energy efficiency is going in the wrong direction” in Europe as coal continues to play a dominant role in the energy mix in European countries, Fatih Birol, chief economist from the IEA, said at the Flame conference in Amsterdam this week. The use of coal increased – at the expense of gas – in key markets such as the UK and Germany in visual_editor011, despite policymakers’ desire to move towards a low-carbon economy.

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