

## **Bulgaria backs Poland in its case against new TPP emission regulations**

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Bulgarian Minister of Energy Temenuzhka Petkova said that Bulgaria will support Poland Poland in its case for repealing European Commission's (EC) decision from 31 July 2017 on best available techniques for large combustion plants.

At today's meeting, the Council of Ministers approved the country's position on Case T-699/17, brought by a complaint by Poland against the EC before the EU General Court. Bulgaria's position on this matter is that the adopted values for emissions are ambitious and unrealistic to achieve by the existing large combustion plants in Bulgaria.

The decision adopted by the EC significantly increases the requirements for atmospheric pollutants for the thermal power plants (TPP). Its implementation in Bulgaria would require considerable investment by the TPPs, which produce over 40 % of electricity in Bulgaria.