



**No surprise:** Angela Merkel's e-mobility targets have turned out to be little more than a pipe dream. Sustainable transport is flagging elsewhere too – cheap oil is partly to blame, and is causing a similar effect in the heating sector.



**Rubbish or resource?** As scrap from end-of-life turbines piles up, the search for effective approaches to recycling is intensifying.



**Fresh face:** new Nordex CEO José Luis Blanco discusses the challenges in store for his company and the wind industry at large.

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