

Delivering the European Green Deal

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The European Green Deal



Climate neutrality by 2050

- Paris Agreement: objective to hold global temperature increase to well below 2°C and to pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5°C.
- November 2018: publication of the Communication "Clean planet for all" (COM/2018/773 final) calling for a climate neutral EU economy

- December 2019: target endorsed by EU leaders
- June 2021: objective in the EU Climate Law





A European long-term strategic vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy

Climate Target Plan: 2030 target on path to climate neutrality



Achieving at least 55% net greenhouse gas reductions by 2030 compared to 1990



The European Climate Law

- The <u>European Climate Law Regulation</u> of 30 June 2021 (Regulation (EU) 2021/1119)
- Union-wide climate-neutrality objective 2050
- New 2030 target of at least 55% net greenhouse gas emissions reduction
- Recognition of the need to enhance the EU's carbon sink



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July 2021: 13 interconnected legislative proposals to deliver on the ambitious target.

The package aims to make the EU **'fit for 55'** in a

- fair,
- cost-efficient and
- competitive manner

It is a policy mix that respects a balance between **pricing**, **targets**, **taxes**, **standards and support measures**



Policy mix at a glance

Pricing	Targets	Rules
 Stronger ETS including in aviation Extending the ETS to maritime, road transport, and buildings Updated Energy Taxation Directive Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism 	 Updated Effort Sharing Regulation Updated LULUCF Regulation Updated Renewable Energy Directive Updated Energy Efficiency Directive 	 Stricter CO₂ performance for cars & vans New infrastructure for alternative fuels ReFuelEU: More sustainable aviation fuels FuelEU: Cleaner maritime fuels

Support measures

*i*enues and regulations to promote innovation, build solidarity and mitigate impacts for the vulnerable, notably he new Social Climate Fund and enhanced Modernisation Fund and Innovation Fund

Fit for 55 Package consists of a set of **inter-connected proposals that strike a iul balance** between pricing, targets, standards and support measures.







• Existing ETS

- Increase of 18 pp of emissions reduction (from -43% to -61% by 2030)
- Remove free allowances for aviation
- Review of the Market Stability Reserve
- Extended to maritime transport

- New ETS
 - For road transport and buildings, operational as of 2025
 - Emissions reduction of 43% by 2030
 - Social Climate Fund to address
 possible social impacts



Policy measures on taxation and trade

• Revision of the **Energy Taxation Directive**: Shifting tax incentives away from fossil fuels and towards clean technologies

 New Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: Carbon price on imports of a targeted selection of products to prevent 'carbon leakage'





ESR and LULUCF

• Effort Sharing Regulation

- Keep existing architecture and scope: will continue to cover road transport and buildings sectors, alongside their inclusion in the new ETS
- Increase emissions reduction target by 11 pp (from -29% to -40% by 2030)

• LULUCF

- More powerful incentives to grow and improve natural carbon sinks
- Binding targets to increase net carbon removals from 2026 to 2030 (-310 MtCO₂eq)
- Significant simplification of rules
- EU-wide target of climate neutrality in land use, forestry and agriculture sector by 2035

Revising the Renewable Energy Directive

- Increased overall renewables ambition to 40%
- Increased renewables ambition in key sectors (heating and cooling, transport, industry, buildings)
- Facilitating Energy System Integration (e.g. electrification and renewable hydrogen)
- Flanking measures (e.g. permitting, guarantees of origin, cross border cooperation)
- Bioenergy sustainability: targeted strengthening EU criteria





Revising the Energy Efficiency Directive

- Indicative Member State contributions to the EU-level energy efficiency target
- Strengthened energy savings obligation in end-use
- Increased focus on alleviating energy poverty and consumer empowerment
- 'Energy Efficiency First' Principle making it an integral part of policy and investment decisions





17.0-17.4%

Current energy efficiency savings for primary and final energy consumption (in 2019)

32.5%

Current EU 2030 non-binding target (relative to 2007 projections)

36-39%

New EU 2030 binding target for final and primary energy consumption





- Stronger CO2 emissions standards for cars and vans
- Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation
- ReFuelEU Aviation Initiative
- FuelEU Maritime Initiative





Support measures for a fair transition: SCF

- The Social Climate Fund:
- 1) support households, transport users, and micro-enterprises;

2) **support investments** in energy efficiency, buildings renovation, clean heating and cooling, integration of renewable;

3) provide direct income support for vulnerable households;

4) finance zero-and low-emission mobility

 Financed by the EU budget, using an amount equivalent to 25% of the expected revenues ETS building and road transport. It will provide €72.2 billion for the period 2025-2032.



Support measures for a fair transition: MF & IF

- Increased role of modernisation fund: support modernisation of energy system in set of low income Member States
- Increased Innovation Fund
- Supporting contracts for difference under the Innovation Fund: a tool to provide support to the early deployment of innovative technologies and to complement the existing funding mechanisms in the Innovation Fund.

nproving the use of auction revenues: a commitment for Member States use the entirety of their revenues on climate and energy (including social) urposes



Next steps?



Thank you



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