



The European Climate Law

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What are the main elements?

- Article setting objective of climate neutrality by 2050 into law
- Articles ensuring discipline and accountability
- Integration of the climate neutrality objective into the impact assessment of Commission proposals
- Article increasing the EU's 2030 climate target

The 2050 climate-neutrality objective:

- It will be a **Union-wide** objective.
- It will be an **economy-wide** objective.
- The objective aims to achieve **“net-zero” emissions**.
- This climate-neutrality objective will be **achieved domestically**.

Accountability and discipline:

- Builds on Member States reporting under the Energy Union Governance Regulation.
- There will be a periodic assessment of progress, in line with the cycles of the Paris Agreement.
- If progress is insufficient we may:
 - Make recommendations to Member States, or
 - Propose new measures at EU level.

Impact assessment and climate neutrality

- The law will task the Commission to check new proposals against the climate neutrality objective
- This assessment will be included in the impact assessment of new proposals and will be made public

The 2030 Climate Target Plan

The 2030 climate target plan is the Commission's proposal to:

- raise the EU's ambition on climate action
- increase our target on reducing net greenhouse gas emissions to at least 55% below 1990-levels by 2030
- secure the EU as a global leader in the fight against global warming

The at least 55% target for 2030 is:

- **Evidence-based** - The proposal is backed by an impact assessment and some 4,000 public consultation submissions
- **EU-wide** - All EU countries will have to contribute in a spirit of fairness and solidarity
- **Economy-wide** - All sectors of the European economy will play a part
- **Domestic** - Reductions in emissions will be based on the changes made in the EU, and not on international off-setting
- **Net** - Calculations of the reduction are based on emissions of GHG into the atmosphere minus those removed

How will we achieve the new target?

The Commission will review and propose legislation:

- Reinforced and expanded EU Emissions Trading System
- Updated Effort-Sharing Regulation
- Strengthened Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry Regulation
- Revised Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Directives + Renovation Wave
- Tightening of CO₂ emissions performance standards for cars and vans
- Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and revision of the Energy Taxation Directive

Next Steps

- The new target is proposed as an **amendment to the Climate Law**, currently being discussed by the European Parliament and Council.
- Agreement on increased target would allow the EU to **update its Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement**
- The Commission will come forward with **key legislative proposals for all sectors by June 2021**, accompanied by robust impact assessments and comprehensive public consultation.



Thank you for your attention!

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