

Joint Statement on the increase of the EU's 2030 Climate Target

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Climate change is manifest across the globe. Temperatures are rising, weather systems are changing. As leaders of EU Member States, we have the opportunity and the responsibility to address this.

In December 2019, the European Council agreed that we should achieve a climate neutral EU by 2050. The EU reaffirmed its global climate leadership and commitment to the Paris Agreement, inspiring others to increased ambitions. This commitment to climate neutrality ensures that our investments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic do not lead back to the fossil-dependent past.

We stand to substantially outperform the current 2030 EU climate target, which shows the potential of European action.

Against this background, significant emissions reductions are both required and possible.

We therefore welcome the **European Commission's 2030 Climate Target Plan** as a solid foundation for a decision on raised ambition. **We need to agree on increasing the 2030 climate target to "at least 55 percent" this year.**

This increased target should be included in the EU's updated Nationally Determined Contribution to be submitted to the UNFCCC before the end of this year and followed up by legislative proposals by June 2021 to deliver on the target.

Our new long-term budget and recovery package with the climate mainstreaming target of at least 30 percent and the "do no harm" principle ensure the EU financial contribution to achieving our increased 2030 climate target in a socially inclusive manner, enabling a just transition.

An ambitious and cost-effective climate policy will underpin economic growth and sustainable prosperity. The path to climate-neutrality leads to sustainable and inclusive growth, new green jobs and more innovation and global competitiveness.

Let us, as a Union, deliver a strong and credible response to the climate crisis and increase our 2030 climate target to at least 55 percent, leading to climate neutrality by 2050.

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