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EU Climate Target Plan 2030

Building a modern, sustainable and resilient Europe

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Global **temperatures for the past five years were the highest on record**. The impacts of global warming are beyond dispute, with droughts, storms, and other weather extremes on the rise.

To tackle climate change and **build a strong green economy** and society, the European Green Deal and the NextGenerationEU Recovery Plan aim to make Europe a climate-neutral continent by 2050.



The European Commission is proposing to cut net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels, up from our current target for 2030 of at least 40%.

To become the first climate-neutral continent by 2050, we need to set ourselves a **more ambitious path for the next 10 years**. Our Impact Assessment shows that this can be achieved in a responsible way. There is no time to waste, and if we fail to increase our ambition now, we will make it much harder for future generations to get across the finishing line.



➤ What are the benefits of this ambitious target for European citizens?

The EU has a track record of cutting emissions whilst growing its economy, and that should continue with the new 2030 target. For European citizens and the EU, this higher ambition will mean cleaner air, **better health and lower healthcare costs**, new, sustainable and local jobs, more sustainable food, a lower energy import bill and more energy security, greener transport and more energy-efficient home.

