



Policy Update Targets Work

CAN Europe General Assembly

October 2018

Objectives

- **Normalise 1.5°C target, domestically and internationally**
- **Increase momentum on raising EU's 2030 climate target**
 - *Consolidate group of progressive countries*
 - *Extend group of MS calling for an increase in EU climate ambition*
 - *Encourage high ambition in EU long term planning*

NDC increase gains momentum

June Letter of the Green Growth Group (14 EU MS)

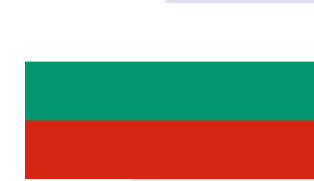
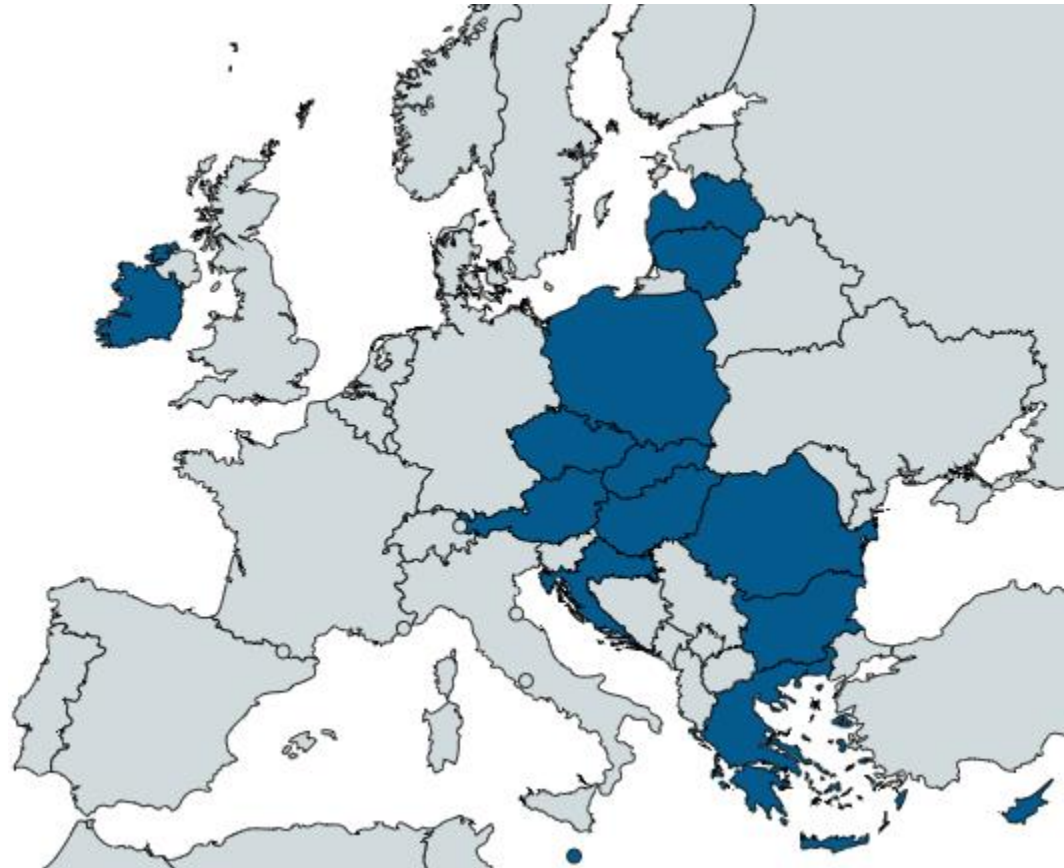
(Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom)



June Green Growth Group letter

- “EU must continue to demonstrate **climate leadership**
- **EU long term strategy should include[e] a 1.5°C scenario and at least one pathway towards net zero GHG emissions in the EU by 2050** followed by negative emissions thereafter.
- The proposal should examine, inter alia, the **consistency of the current European GHG emission reduction target of at least 40% in 2030** compared to 1990 with a trajectory for the different long-term pathways considered, taking into account the **principles of equity as well as cost effectiveness**
- The EU should consider **announcing at COP 24 its readiness to update its NDC by 2020** taking into account of the collective further effort needed to meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement, in order to create a positive momentum among the Parties.”

How to address the 'latecomers'?



New energy targets deliver more



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By Sam Morgan | EURACTIV.com

Jun 21, 2018 (updated: Jun 26, 2018)

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- 45% needs to be the **new baseline** for the NDC revision

The German setback



German Chancellor Angela Merkel | Tobias Schwartz/AFP via Getty Images

Merkel 'not very happy' about new EU climate target proposals

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EU long term strategy (LTS)

- **Paris Agreement (Art. 4):**
Requires Parties to communicate “long term low greenhouse gas emissions development strategies” to the UNFCCC by 2020 (alongside their updated NDC)
- **March European Council conclusions:**
Commission shall present EU LTS proposal “by first quarter of 2019”
- **Commissioner for Climate Action & Energy:**
“The Commission is working towards coming forward with an analysis-based vision for a Union`s strategy by November 2018”
- **Governance Regulation (Art. 14)**
EU LTS needs to include “inter alia a scenario on achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions within the Union by 2050 and negative emissions thereafter”

Public consultation on the EU long term strategy

- Open between **17 July** and **9 October 2018**
- In parallel with Commission **modelling exercise**
- Accessible online: https://ec.europa.eu/clima/consultations/strategy-long-term-eu-greenhouse-gas-emissions-reductions_en
- CAN Europe adopted position on long term targets and submission to the public consultation on the EU LTS

Draft EU Long Term Strategy

- To be published on **28 November 2018**
- Will likely discuss three options:
 1. -80% emission reductions by 2050
 2. -80 to -95% emission reductions by 2050
 3. achieve net zero emissions by 2050
- No concrete policy proposals, but rather context setting and discussion of meta trends
 - Staff working document (DG CLIMA)
 - Communication (European Political Strategy Centre - EPSC)

IPCC momentum



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The Road to COP24

ENVI Council on 9 October to adopt EU position on COP24

On IPCC SR1.5

“a matter of extreme urgency to strengthen the *global response* to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty”

On EU LTS

Should “include 1.5 °C scenario and at least one pathway towards net zero GHG emissions in the EU by 2050 followed by negative emissions thereafter”

On EU NDC

EU is ready to “*communicate or update* its NDC by 2020”

October European Council

EU Heads of State and Government adopted conclusions on IPCC and COP24 (prepared by France and Poland):

“The outcome of the Talanoa Dialogue should be a commitment for all Parties to **reflect on their levels of ambition** and inform the preparation of all Parties' nationally determined contributions (NDCs) pursuant to Article 4 of the Paris Agreement”



Beyond COP24



- Possibly EC tour through European capitals on EU LTS
- Discussion on EU long term strategy options expected among Heads of States and Governments until **European Council on the Future of the EU in Sibiu, Romania, in May 2019**



Thank you for your attention

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