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DG CLIMATE ACTION

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## INTRODUCTION

The Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA) leads the European Commission's efforts to fight climate change at EU and international level. As presented in the Strategic Plan 2020-2024, the mission of DG Climate Action (DG CLIMA) is to formulate and implement EU climate policies and strategies so that the EU can become the world's first climate-neutral and climate resilient continent by 2050.

DG CLIMA plays a leading role in developing and facilitating the implementation of cost-efficient policies and legislation to deliver the European Green Deal. The DG promotes innovative decarbonisation technologies to address climate change.

This document is DG CLIMA's management plan defining the most important yearly outputs it will deliver in 2020 to realise the objectives set in its strategy. It is structured around the specific objectives defined in DG CLIMA's strategic plan 2020-2024 and reflects the priority actions identified in the Commission Work Programme for 2020. Part 1 describes DG CLIMA's main policy deliverables and part 2 explains the main steps DG CLIMA intends to take to modernise its functioning. Performance tables are presented in an Annex.

To deliver the European Green Deal, DG CLIMA's main priorities and challenges in 2020 were (or will be):

- To propose a **European climate law** to enshrine into EU legislation the goal set out in the European Green Deal for Europe's economy and society to become climate-neutral by 2050.
- To launch a **European Climate Pact** inviting regions, local communities, civil society, schools, industry and individuals to play a role alongside government policies and regulation. It will give citizens and stakeholders a voice and space in designing new climate actions, sharing information, launching grassroots activities and showcasing solutions that others can follow.
- To present a **comprehensive plan to increase the EU 2030 climate target** for greenhouse gas emission reductions to at least -50% and towards -55% compared to 1990 levels. The plan will assess the feasibility and the social, economic and environmental impacts of increasing the 2030 target.
- To prepare the proposal for a **more ambitious EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change**<sup>1</sup>. Climate change impacts are here, now. Global and European temperatures have repeatedly broken long-term records in recent years and the impacts on people, planet and prosperity are already pervasive. The recovery from the current crisis will be an opportunity to make our society more resilient. This is

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<sup>1</sup> The proposal is part of the Commission Work Programme 2020 and it will be made in 1Q 2021.

essential, as climate change will continue to create significant stress in Europe in spite of mitigation efforts.

- To **engage with international partners (both bilaterally and multilaterally)** on climate change to maintain the momentum for increasing the ambition of major emitters ahead of the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to be organised in Glasgow (UK) in 2021.

## **PART 1. Delivering on the Commission's priorities: main outputs for the year**

### **Specific objective 1 - MITIGATION: Climate neutrality to be achieved by 2050 through a well-functioning EU carbon market and a fair regulatory framework for the EU and its Member States to reduce emissions**

#### ***EU Climate Law***

At the heart of the European Green Deal was the commitment to adopt the first **European Climate Law**, with a binding climate neutrality target for 2050.

Through the '*Clean Planet for All*' Communication adopted in 2018<sup>2</sup>, the Commission had already set out a clear vision for a climate-neutral EU. Enshrining the climate neutrality target by 2050 into EU law clearly set out the conditions for an effective and fair transition, to provide predictability for investors, and to ensure that the transition is irreversible.

Climate neutrality means **achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions for EU countries as a whole**, mainly by cutting emissions, the sequestration of carbon, investing in green and low carbon technologies and protecting the natural environment. The act aims at ensuring that all EU policies contribute to this goal and that all sectors of the economy and society play their part.

The public had the possibility to **provide feedback** on the roadmap for the legislative proposal, with nearly 1000 contributions received<sup>3</sup>. In January 2020 DG CLIMA also organised a **high-level public conference** to provide an opportunity for an open, public stakeholder debate on the European Climate Law before its finalisation and adoption. Hosted by Executive Vice-President Timmermans, the conference brought together a broad range of stakeholders, including businesses, researchers and civil society. The discussions and opinions fed into the Commission's deliberations for the proposal for the European Climate Law.

The **Commission proposal** for enshrining this climate neutrality objective into EU law was adopted on 4 March 2020<sup>4</sup>. The legislative proposal was submitted to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions for further consideration under the ordinary legislative procedure.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52018DC0773>

<sup>3</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12108-Climate-Law>

<sup>4</sup> COM(2020) 80 final

## 2030 Climate target plan

DG CLIMA is working intensely in 2020 to present an impact-assessed plan **to increase the EU's 2030 climate target to cut GHG emissions by 50-55%** compared to 1990. It aims at assessing in a comprehensive manner the impacts of the increased target, and how higher mitigation can be achieved responsibly, meaning, *inter alia*, in a cost-effective manner while taking into account the need for a just transition. It will present an analysis of the extent to which and how the various pieces of climate, energy and transport legislation could be revised in a coherent manner to responsibly achieve this higher level of climate ambition .



In the preparation of **the impact assessment**, DG CLIMA has used an extensive toolkit of economic models to assess the impacts across the energy system and the whole of the economy. It aims at framing EU action in the global context especially with regard to neighbouring regions, assess the risk of carbon leakage, and look into the overall socio-economic impacts of the transition. Extensive stakeholder input has further consolidated the evidence base for this impact assessment. An inception impact assessment<sup>5</sup> was published in March 2020, followed by the accompanying public consultation for this initiative<sup>6</sup>, which was open from 31 March 2020 until 23 June 2020. A broad range of stakeholders were invited to provide inputs, including citizens and the civil society, businesses, NGOs, academia, national, regional and local authorities.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12265-2030-Climate-Target-Plan>

<sup>6</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12265-2030-Climate-Target-Plan/public-consultation>

Based on this impact assessment and the analysis of the national energy and climate plans, the **Commission will adopt a Communication by September 2020** outlining a comprehensive plan to increase the EU 2030 climate target.

Together with the 2030 climate target plan the Commission will table an amendment of the recently proposed European Climate Law. The Communication should therefore provide **insights in the required updates to the overall climate and energy legal framework**, where the work on this is starting in 2020. It should ensure overall coherence of the **specific legislation updates by June 2021**, notably regarding the Emissions Trading System Directive including its carbon leakage measures and possible alternatives, the implementation of CORSIA<sup>7</sup> and the reduction of the EU Emissions Trading System allowances allocated for free to airlines; the Effort Sharing Regulation; the Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) Regulation; CO2 Emissions Performance Standards for Cars and Vans; the Governance Regulation; the forthcoming Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy and other policy measures related to the European Green Deal.

Together with DG Competition, DG CLIMA will contribute to the **alignment of state aid** to the Green Deal. The Covid crisis of 2020 and the rapid increase of state aid decisions to support Member States emergency response and recovery, has demonstrated the importance of these decisions for short and medium-term investments. The guidelines for state aid will be revised in the context of the greenhouse gas emission allowance trading scheme post-2020 and will be an important step towards ensuring targeted State Aid that helps support the climate transition.

Together with other services in the Commission, DG CLIMA will work on aligning the recovery plan of the EU in view of the COVID19 crisis, with the Green Deal.

### ***Implementation of EU climate legislation***

DG CLIMA will continue to implement EU climate legislation including the EU Emission Trading System<sup>8</sup>, the Effort Sharing Regulation<sup>9</sup>, the Land Use, Land-Use Change, and Forestry (LULUCF) Regulation<sup>10</sup>, CO2 Emissions Performance Standards for Cars and Vans<sup>11</sup> and for Heavy-duty vehicles<sup>12</sup>, Fuel Quality Directive<sup>13</sup>, the Ozone Regulation<sup>14</sup>, the

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<sup>7</sup> CORSIA (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation) is an approach developed by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to address any annual increase in total CO2 emissions from international civil aviation above the 2020 levels

<sup>8</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/410

<sup>9</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/842

<sup>10</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/841

<sup>11</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/631

<sup>12</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/1242

<sup>13</sup> Directive 98/70/EC



Fluorinated Gas Regulation<sup>15</sup>, the Energy Union Governance Regulation, etc. To implement these, DG CLIMA will adopt in 2020 a number of delegated or implementing acts, such as a Delegated Act on Forest Reference Levels or a Decision determining the benchmark values for free allocation in the period 2021-2025. Several monitoring reports will be adopted, such as the annual report on the functioning of the carbon market, the climate progress report and the annual report on CO2 emissions from maritime transport.

### **Revision of the Ozone and F-Gas Regulations**

In 2020, DG CLIMA presented its intention to review the **Ozone Regulation** in a publicly-available roadmap<sup>16</sup>. This legislative act prohibits the import, export and use of ozone-depleting substances in order to contribute to the timely recovery of the stratospheric ozone layer. While these rules were evaluated in 2019 as being generally effective, the revision will explore **options for improvement** such as simpler and clearer control measures, greater consistency with customs rules and modified phase-out dates for the aviation sector.



In addition, DG CLIMA will start preparing the evaluation and revision of the **fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gas) Regulation**. It places strict rules on reducing emissions of F-gases that are used in particular in refrigeration and air-conditioning. In the light of the European Green Deal announcement, recent international obligations under the Montreal Protocol and technical progress and lessons learned during the implementation, it is time to evaluate the rules and to consider reviewing them.

For both initiatives, DG CLIMA will start analysing in 2020 the **different policy options according to the better regulation principles** and will collect stakeholder views through different channels (e.g. through an open public consultation to be conducted in the second part of the year). These initiatives will contribute to the Commission's effort to ensure that EU legislation is fit for purpose.

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<sup>14</sup> Regulation (EC) 1005/2009

<sup>15</sup> Regulation (EU) No 517/2014

<sup>16</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12310-Ozone-layer-protection-revision-of-EU-rules>



The delivery of the initiatives under Specific objective 1 is supported by intense coordination at the planning, legal drafting and adoption stage, as well as inter-institutional outreach post-adoption, most notably with the European Parliament and Council on proposals under the ordinary legislative procedure and with the consultative Committees and other stakeholders across the range of initiatives.

## **Specific objective 2 – MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT: EU climate legislation is monitored through the Energy Union Governance, is properly applied and enforced and is mainstreamed in the European Semester process**

### ***Assessment of the National Climate and Energy plans (NECPs)***

In 2020, DG CLIMA will take important steps with regard to the **National Climate and Energy Plans (NECPs)** for 2021-2030. DG CLIMA will **assess** the plans submitted by Member States<sup>17</sup>, now publicly available, in close collaboration with DG ENER. The assessment will have two components. First, DG CLIMA will look at greenhouse gas emissions and Member States' collective contribution to the 2030 climate target of reducing GHG emission by at least 40% by 2030 compared to 1990. It will be an important tool in the debate surrounding the 2030 ambition increase. Secondly, DG CLIMA will assess the contribution of the plans to help deliver on a socially fair and cost-effective transition to a climate-neutral economy by 2050. It will also identify Member States investments to be prioritised to accelerate a post-covid green recovery. Both DGs will also issue in 2020 the fifth State of the Energy Union report, showing the progress made towards reaching energy and climate targets and assessing the challenges to be addressed.

### ***The European Semester***

The European Semester provides a framework for the coordination of economic policies across the European Union. In 2020, DG CLIMA will continue working towards **increasing the focus of the European Semester cycle on climate policy goals** by providing specific guidance to Member States on where structural reforms and investment towards a sustainable and carbon-neutral economy are most needed. DG CLIMA reflected the latest insights from the final national energy and climate plans into the adoption of country-specific recommendations in late May 2020.

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<sup>17</sup> 27 final NECPs received as of 3 September 2020, publicly available here: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/energy-climate-change-environment/overall-targets/national-energy-and-climate-plans-necps\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/energy-climate-change-environment/overall-targets/national-energy-and-climate-plans-necps_en)

The National Climate and Energy Plans will also be used in the context of Country Specific Recommendations under the European Semester and to identify investment and reform priorities for the proposed Recovery and Resilience Facility, as set out in the Communication “Europe's moment: Repair and Prepare for the Next Generation EU”.<sup>18</sup>

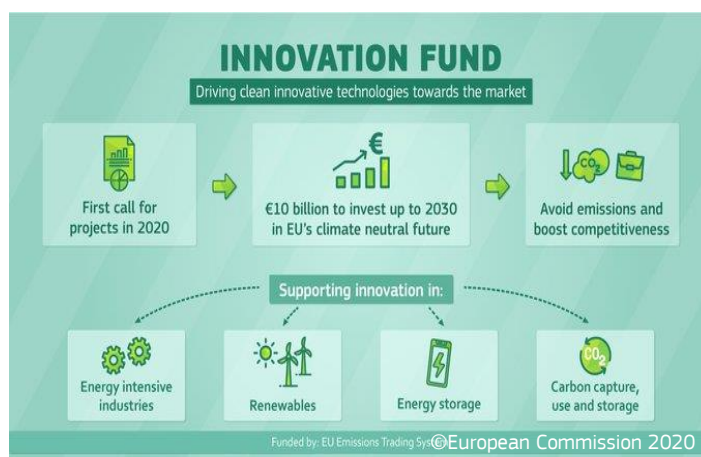
### **Enforcement actions**

In 2020, DG CLIMA will continue to work towards the proper implementation and application of EU climate legislation in EU Member States. In particular, a completeness check will be performed in relation to national measures transposing the revised EU Emission Trading System (EU ETS) Directive<sup>19</sup> for phase 4. A conformity check will also be performed in relation to national measures transposing the Fuel Quality Directive<sup>20</sup>, and a review will be carried out for the national measures implementing the Regulation on monitoring CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of maritime transport<sup>21</sup>.

### **Specific objective 3 - FINANCE: Climate-related spending mainstreamed in the EU budget and in private funds to finance the green and just transition and invest in particular in low carbon and other climate innovations**

#### **Innovation Fund and Modernisation Fund**

The **Innovation Fund**, launched on 3 July 2020 and financed through auctioning revenues from the EU Emission Trading System, aims to drive successful large-scale demonstration projects of breakthrough low-carbon technology innovations towards the market. It aims to select innovative and viable large-scale demonstration and ‘first-of-its-kind’ projects, contributing to bridging their financing gap. The Fund



<sup>18</sup> COM2020 (456) final.

<sup>19</sup> Directive 2018/410

<sup>20</sup> Directive 2015/652

<sup>21</sup> Regulation 2015/757

is endowed with the monetising by the EIB of 450 million allowances from the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) Directive, plus any undisbursed revenues from the predecessor of the Innovation Fund – the NER 300 programme<sup>22</sup>.

In 2020, DG CLIMA conducted the necessary **preparatory work to launch the first call for proposals under the Innovation Fund on 3 July**. This included preparing the delegation of the grant management and signing a memorandum of understanding with the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA), as well as developing methodologies for the first selection criteria, guidance documents, a set of generic examples of projects that may apply for receiving funding, a communication strategy and key performance indicators, among others.

DG CLIMA also laid down the rules for the operation of the **Modernisation Fund** through an implementing act adopted in July 2020. The new Modernisation Fund will provide support to ten lower-GDP EU Member States in the modernisation of their energy systems and facilitate energy efficiency investments in these countries.

### ***Sustainable finance***

DG CLIMA will contribute to DG FISMA's<sup>23</sup> preparatory work toward the adoption, by the end of 2020, of a delegated act to implement the proposed "**Taxonomy Regulation**", in order to determine whether an economic activity is environmentally sustainable and substantially contribute to the EU's objectives on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

### ***LIFE programme and mainstreaming of climate action***

As part of the **Climate Action sub-programme of LIFE 2014-20**, the Executive Agency EASME launched the calls for proposals for action grants and integrated projects in April 2020. In addition, DG CLIMA will organise in October 2020 a conference on climate-neutral food and wood, showcasing relevant Horizon 2020 and LIFE projects in the agriculture and forestry sectors.

DG CLIMA will continue to monitor the implementation of the two existing financial instruments, the Private Finance for Energy Efficiency (PF4EE) and Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCF), funded by LIFE and delegated to the European Investment Bank, as well as their contribution to the climate objectives. It will also monitor the implementation of the **20% climate-mainstreaming target** of the EU budget under the current MFF 2014-20. The Commission has proposed to increase this target to at least 25%

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<sup>22</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/lowcarbon/ner300\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/lowcarbon/ner300_en)

<sup>23</sup> DG Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union

of spending and the Council called for an increased overall target of 30%<sup>24</sup> contributing to climate action in the next MFF 2021-2027 and the Recovery effort under the “Next Generation EU”. Through bilateral contacts and supported by DG BUDG, DG CLIMA will encourage lead DGs<sup>25</sup> to speed up climate mainstreaming in their individual programmes. DG CLIMA worked together with DG Research and Innovation to make Horizon Europe relevant for the climate transition, for example in designing Horizon 2020’s European Green Deal Call. This collaboration will be strengthened in 2020, as DG CLIMA has joined the Research and Innovation Family. As Co-Chair of one of the Clusters of Horizon Europe, DG CLIMA will work even more closely with DG Research and Innovation to ensure that the strategic plan for the new Horizon Europe programme<sup>26</sup> focuses research and innovation on technologies that will enable the climate transition. DG CLIMA will also support further alignment of the EU budget with EU climate objectives in the context of the Commission’s preparations for the **next multiannual financial framework** for the 2021-2027 period and the **Recovery effort** under the “Next Generation EU”, to comply with the objective of EU climate neutrality by 2050 and the new 2030 climate targets and to reflect the green oath of “do no harm”.

**Specific objective 4 - COMMUNICATION AND DIALOGUE: A voice and a space is given to citizens, cities, regions and all stakeholders to design and implement climate actions, share information, launch grassroots activities and showcase solutions that others can follow through the Climate Pact and the EU Covenant of Mayors.**

In 2020, DG CLIMA is setting up the building blocks of the **European Climate Pact**, a new initiative under the European Green Deal. It will encompass activities to increase awareness and understanding of climate change, inspire and support existing and new climate actions and initiatives, behavioural change, record pledges on a virtual platform and facilitate exchanges, synergies and collaboration between people and organisations.

The Climate Pact Citizens’ Dialogue, foreseen in Brussels beginning of March 2020, was cancelled due to COVID-19. Instead, Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans hosted a

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<sup>24</sup> EUCO 10/20

<sup>25</sup> Mainly the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG Research), the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL), the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) and the Directorate-General for Environment (DG ENV).

<sup>26</sup> The European Union Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2021 – 2027 (Horizon Europe).

Facebook live session to engage with youth in an open dialogue. In addition, ahead of the launch of the Pact itself DG CLIMA launched an **open public consultation**<sup>27</sup> to gather stakeholders' input to shape the Pact. It gathered stakeholder views on how to make the European Climate Pact as effective, inclusive and ambitious as possible. Based on the input received by over 3500 respondents, DG CLIMA will adjust the scope and the way Climate Pact objectives and activities are formulated.



The **Climate Pact will be launched** in the 4th quarter of 2020 with the adoption of a Communication outlining the objectives of the Pact and the areas for future action. In preparation for the Climate Pact DG CLIMA organised public events such as webinars<sup>28</sup> and prepares a large launch event around the adoption date

In close collaboration with the Commission's departments for informatics<sup>29</sup>, translation<sup>30</sup> and communication<sup>31</sup>, DG CLIMA will develop the first stage of the **Pact's dedicated website**, which will act as its central online hub providing users with information, inspiration and opportunities to take part in the Pact. DG CLIMA has also launched an **open call for tenders**<sup>32</sup> in 2020 on the operation of the Pact's Secretariat, seeking a contractor's support for the implementation of the Pact and for the coordination of its activities.

DG CLIMA is also closely involved in the development of the corporate communication campaign on the European Green Deal led by the Directorate-General for Communication, which will go live in 2021. The communication actions related to the Climate Pact will be implemented in coherence and synergy with this corporate campaign.

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<sup>27</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12219-European-Climate-Pact/public-consultation>

<sup>28</sup> Due to the COVID-19 crisis, online communication tools will be used.

<sup>29</sup> Directorate-General for Informatics (DIGIT)

<sup>30</sup> Directorate-General for Translation (DGT)

<sup>31</sup> Directorate-General for Communication (COMM)

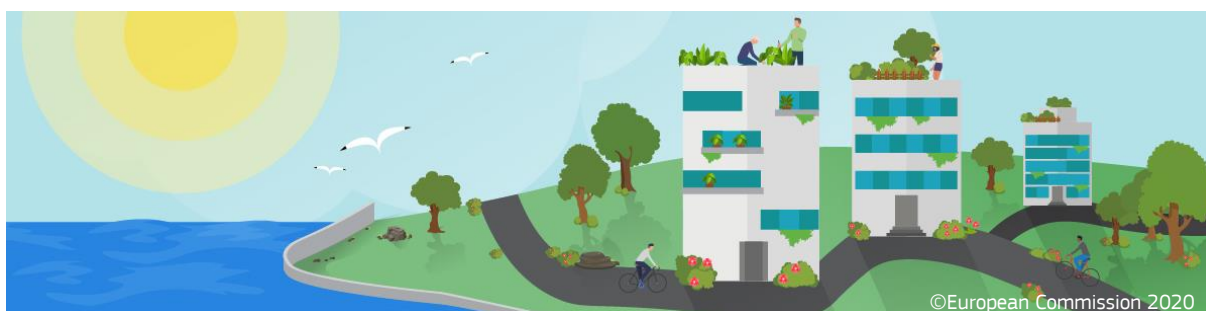
<sup>32</sup> <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=6576>

## **Specific objective 5 – ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE: EU society (people, nature and welfare) is increasingly climate-resilient, adapted and equipped, protected and insured against the adverse impacts of climate change**

### ***Revision of the EU Adaptation strategy***

The **evaluation of the strategy** conducted in 2018 by DG CLIMA<sup>33</sup> showed that the strategy has delivered on its objectives, with progress recorded against each of its eight individual actions. Nevertheless, it outlines how Europe is still vulnerable to climate impacts within and outside its borders, identifying several areas for improvement and the lessons learnt. For example, more work needs to be done to prepare vulnerable regions and sectors for the adverse effects of climate change.

Based on these results, and as foreseen in the European Green Deal, DG CLIMA will adopt **a new, more ambitious EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change**. In 2020, DG CLIMA will prepare an *ex-ante* impact assessment in order to assess how such an action can best be designed to achieve the desired objectives. Suitable policy options will be analysed, in particular, in the areas for improvement identified by the evaluation, by new and emerging priorities, challenges such as risk insurance, loss and damage assessment, and those stipulated in the political guidelines for the Commission 2019-24. Particular attention will be paid to areas where the EU could bring more added value and multiple benefits across EU policies.



DG CLIMA is **consulting a wide variety of stakeholders** during the preparation of the revised strategy. All relevant stakeholders are having the opportunity to give their opinions and inform the development of policy options, providing data and qualitative evidence concerning the relevant impacts of the policy options considered. The consultation will draw, in particular, insights into behavioural changes and triggers conducive to increasing the take-up of adaptation measures. To gather these inputs, an open public consultation was open from 14 May 2020 until 20 August 2020. DG CLIMA is also organising targeted

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<sup>33</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/adaptation/what\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/adaptation/what_en)

stakeholder interviews with relevant experts and policy makers as well as a stakeholder workshop<sup>34</sup>. The revised strategy is expected to be adopted in the 1st quarter of 2021.

## **Specific objective 6 - INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS: The level of ambition of other GHG emitters is increased thanks to the EU's leading role in climate diplomacy in line with the Paris Agreement and SDG 13**

### ***International negotiations***

In 2020, the coronavirus pandemic has considerably reduced the number of physical meetings and substantially affected climate diplomacy working platforms. While some international meetings are taking place via video and phone conferences, others are postponed. DG CLIMA is working to shape the international discourse around green recovery measures and climate ambition. The DG will continue to work with its international partners to maintain the momentum by using different electronic platforms, organising negotiations and expert seminars, including the Ministerial Meeting on Climate Action which is co-convened by EU, Canada and China.

The 26th session of **the Conference of the Parties (COP 26)** to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that was planned to take place in Glasgow in November 2020, including the Pre-COP and 'Youth for the Climate' event, are postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19. Nevertheless, preparatory work on the EU's participation in COP26 will proceed throughout 2020. DG CLIMA will actively participate in international climate events organised in parallel to the UN General Assembly and team up with Member States and United Kingdom in its COP26 Presidency capacity to fully benefit from synergies in the context of climate diplomacy.

DG CLIMA will continue to work towards raising the EU's 2030 ambitions leading by example. The EU long-term strategy was submitted to the UNFCCC in March 2020 and an enhanced EU Determined Contribution to the UNFCCC will be prepared following the 2030 target increase.

Using all available channels, DG CLIMA continues to work with partners around the world to share the EU plans and to encourage them to raise ambition too and to work together on other key elements of the global climate agenda, like sustainable finance and adaptation and resilience to the impacts of climate change. In this context the DG will actively

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<sup>34</sup> Physical or remote presence, depending on Covid-19 protection measures at that time



participate in the processes around the establishment of Green Alliances as mentioned in the European Green Deal aimed at strengthening government to government cooperation with selected partners in delivering on climate neutrality and the green transition. Special emphasis will be placed on mutually beneficial cooperation in areas such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, green hydrogen, trade in sustainable commodities and clean technologies. The Strategic Partnerships for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPIPA) project will be geared to decisively support the process.

DG CLIMA will also participate in negotiations and meetings taking place in the context of the Montreal Protocol, the International Maritime Organisation and the International Civil Organisation. It will contribute to emerging global initiatives on sustainable finance and climate neutrality, such as the recently launched Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action and the International Platform for Sustainable Finance.

### ***Bilateral negotiations and international carbon markets***

DG CLIMA, together with other Commission services, the High Representative and the Member States will strengthen bilateral engagement on climate action with partner countries and regional organisations. It will participate in the 2020 EU-China summits, the 2020 summit between the African Union and the EU as well as other bilateral meetings with key partners.

In 2020, DG CLIMA will take further steps to implement the Swiss Linking Agreement of the EU Emission Trading System and will support with the preparation, organisation, delivery and follow-up of the annual international carbon market workshop in Florence.

## PART 2. Modernising the administration: main outputs for the year

In 2020, DG CLIMA will put forward actions leading to high-performing and modern service, synergies and efficiency. The DG will also put effort into contributing to modernising the administration in the various areas described by the new political guidelines.

### A. Human resource management

DG CLIMA's political agenda for the year 2020 is undoubtedly heavy. To guarantee the qualitative and timely delivery of its initiatives, DG CLIMA needs to ensure the effective management of its human resources while maintaining and increasing its skilled and motivated staff. While CLIMA has received two reinforcements of staff in 2020, the staff situation is still difficult. With this in mind, DG CLIMA is developing a **local HR Strategy**, building on workforce and workload assessments and aiming to align resource needs with the new strategic policies, learning and development priorities, as well as work-life balance, wellbeing and new ways of working developed during the COVID-19 confinement. In view of the new mandate of the DG under the European Green Deal, such an in-depth review will likely lead to an adjustment of the DG's organisation.

In parallel, in the field of **equal opportunities**, the DG will take first steps towards achieving the new target of first-time appointment of women to middle management positions as set out in the Commission Decision SEC(2020) 146 of 1 April 2020, which for DG CLIMA, for the period 2020-2022 is set at 1 additional female appointment<sup>35</sup>. Welcoming the help of DG HR to define local actions towards this objective, the DG will continue to encourage and prepare women for future management posts. For instance, this year DG CLIMA will again make sure to identify highly qualified female colleagues with management potential to put forward to the female talent management programme.

In the field of **staff engagement**, DG CLIMA scored very well in the most recent staff satisfaction survey: 75%, representing an improvement of 4% compared to the last survey. However, some areas of concern were identified in the survey and the DG prepared a follow-up development plan. In 2020, the implementation of this plan will continue, notably in the area of **workload management** and **work-life balance**, by proposing various trainings on stress management and burnout prevention for staff, as well as a dedicated programme for DG management.

In the field of **learning and development**, efforts will continue in 2020 to help staff develop skills and knowledge that match the needs of the DG with a view to ensuring the

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<sup>35</sup> The target will be revised and extended for the period 2023-2024 by January 2023

best possible compatibility between staff competencies and service needs, in line with the DG's local HR Strategy and Learning and Development Plan.

In the field of **internal communication**, the DG will continue to further develop and implement its current internal communication policies to ensure direct and efficient communication with CLIMA staff on policy developments, ongoing priorities within the DG and the sharing of information, in addition to the actions taken at corporate level and enhancing the sense of community in CLIMA. In particular, the DG will contribute to the further development and implementation of a series of actions such as the weekly internal newsletter, improvements to the Intranet, lunchtime conferences, regular debriefing sessions by management for staff and the series of internal short video interviews introducing new colleagues to the DG. As the climate dimension will be increasingly integrated in other policy areas of the Commission, efficient and regular communication of CLIMA's work across the Commission itself is vital. Therefore, following the success of the Climate Training Day in January 2020, the DG aims to organise similar trainings on climate policies, open to all EC staff.

**Objective:** DG CLIMA employs a competent and engaged workforce and contributes to gender equality at all levels of management to effectively deliver on the Commission's priorities and core business

**Main outputs in 2020:**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Local HR Strategy for DG CLIMA	Strategy approved by DG and corporate services	Q4 2020
Implementation of the Action Plan resulting of the 2018 Staff Satisfaction Survey	Actions defined in the plan are implemented	Q4 2020
Implementation of the 2020 Learning and Development Plan	Local training initiatives implemented	At least 80% of initiatives implemented
	Awareness raised to corporate training offers identified in the plan via newsletters	All courses identified and mentioned in AMC3 newsletters by Q4 2020
Programme of internal communication actions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunchtime conferences</li> <li>• Debriefing breakfasts with Senior Management</li> </ul>	Series of presentations organised and participation rate	On average, 40 participants for lunchtime conferences and 100 participants for debriefs with Senior Management
Climate action training days	Number of training days organised and participation rate	At least two occurrence by Q4 2020

## B. Sound Financial Management

DG CLIMA aims to ensure **sound and efficient management of its financial resources** and to maintain effective internal control under the framework, risk management and accounting systems. The DG is committed to ensuring that the control procedures in place also give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions. Since the beginning of 2020, DG CLIMA is using Public Procurement Management Tool (PPMT) which formalises the procedures of handling the public procurement files enhancing the sound financial management of the Directorate.

The internal control framework supports sound management and decision-making. It notably ensures that risks to the achievement of objectives are taken into account and reduced to acceptable levels through cost-effective controls.

DG CLIMA has established an internal control system tailored to its particular characteristics and circumstances. The effective functioning of the service's internal control system will be assessed on an ongoing basis throughout the year and be subject to a specific annual assessment covering all internal control principles.

In 2020, following the delegation of the management of the Innovation Fund to the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA), DG CLIMA will regularly monitor if the executive agency acts in compliance with the legal framework and within their mandate.

To ensure the safeguarding of assets and information, DG CLIMA and DIGIT developed a common plan including 12 measures to enhance the security of the EU ETS Union Registry. In 2020, major projects led by DG CLIMA will concern the Swiss Linking, the EU ETS Phase 4 and the Northern Ireland Protocol plus UK exit.

**Objective:** The authorising officer by delegation has reasonable assurance that resources have been used in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and that cost-effective controls are in place which give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of underlying transactions

### Main outputs in 2020:

Output	Indicator	Target
Effective controls: Legal and regular transactions	Risk at payment	remains < 2 % of relevant expenditure
	Estimated risk at closure	remains < 2 % of relevant expenditure
Efficient controls	Timely execution of payment	At least 95% of payments made within the time limits, as those defined by the financial regulation
Economical controls	Overall estimated cost of controls	Maintain the cost of controls (as a percentage of the budget managed) below or equal to 2019 levels (i.e. 4.2%)

Open recommendations from European Court of Auditors (ECA) and Internal Audit Service (IAS)	Number of recommendations from ECA and IAS overdue for more than 6 months	None
Implementation of security measures in the Union Registry	Degree of implementation of the 12 measures <sup>36</sup>	30%

## C. Fraud risk management

The main actions for 2020<sup>37</sup> to enhance **fraud risk management** and to implement the Anti-fraud Strategy of DG CLIMA are:

1. Documentation of the conducted Fraud Risk Assessment
2. Dissemination of anti-fraud measures and raising fraud awareness within DG CLIMA
3. Developing and communicating Fraud Indicators / "Red Flags"
4. Following up on Fraud Cases

In addition, DG CLIMA will revise its anti-fraud strategy, in line with the 2019 Commission Anti-Fraud strategy. It launched a survey, addressed to the management of the DG, related to the prevention and detection of fraud. The results will provide inputs to the new strategy.

**Objective:** The risk of fraud is minimised through the application of effective anti-fraud measures and the implementation of the Commission Anti-Fraud Strategy (CAFS)<sup>38</sup> aimed at the prevention, detection and correction<sup>39</sup> of fraud

### Main outputs in 2020:

Output	Indicator	Target
Adoption and implementation of the revised anti-fraud strategy	% of implementation of actions planned for 2020 in the Anti-fraud Strategy	100% implementation of actions planned for 2020
Awareness trainings organised for target population as identified in DG CLIMA Anti-fraud Strategy	% of target population having attended internal training sessions on anti-fraud	Fraud awareness status to be achieved for 100% of target population

<sup>36</sup> Expressed as a percentage, representing the average of the degree of implementation of the 12 measures

<sup>37</sup> As defined in the 2016 anti-fraud strategy of DG CLIMA.

<sup>38</sup> Communication from the Commission "Commission Anti-Fraud Strategy: enhanced action to protect the EU budget", COM(2019) 176 of 29 April 2019 – 'the CAFS Communication' – and the accompanying action plan, SWD(2019) 170 – 'the CAFS Action Plan'.

<sup>39</sup> Correction of fraud is an umbrella term, which notably refers to the recovery of amounts unduly spent and to administrative sanctions.

## D. Digital transformation and information management

In the context of the **digital transformation**, DG CLIMA will continue to develop and operate a number of critical and essential systems that directly support the implementation of flagship policies. The Union Registry is the prime example of this transformation, making EU Emission Trading Scheme possible and offering high-quality services to carbon market participants, Member States and citizens. In 2020, while continuing to prioritize security and privacy assurance in all IT solutions, DG CLIMA will take all opportunities to review changes against the 11 principles of the Digital Strategy and progress where possible, in particular in the area of user and data centricity. The possibility to reuse and contribute to corporate building blocks will also be examined as a cost-effective way to mobilise with other services to co-create and adapt corporate solutions to DG needs.

In the meantime, efforts to rely on effective **paperless processes** will be pursued, as well as building on the experience of generalised teleworking to exploit and develop further effective collaboration through new corporate digital solutions. The experience gained through the deployment of the Unified Communication and Collaboration and its fast adoption within the DG has led to a growing interest for piloting new solutions in 2020, such as Office 365. Unified communication and collaboration technologies like Webex are likewise present and are essential in projects implementing international agreements such as the linking of EU ETS with the ETS of Switzerland.

For the implementation of the **Commission's Strategy on sharing data, information and knowledge management**, action in 2020 will focus on data, in line with the recent Commission-wide focus. The Data Strategy@EC action plan and the document "Data governance and data policies at the European Commission" of December 2019 define key Commission-wide principles and pilot implementation actions. DG CLIMA recognises the crucial importance of good data, and has taken great care in its policy development that sufficient data was made available so that legislation could work effectively. For 2020, DG CLIMA will use the new framework as an opportunity to systematically review the management of the eight key data assets identified in 2019 against the new Commission principles and policies on data management.

In this context, DG CLIMA will also open more files to other DGs in the document management system ARES while respecting the policy issued in 2019 regarding Sensitive Non Classified (SNC) information. The lessons learnt when implementing this SNC policy in the sensitive EU ETS area will be rolled out to the whole DG. In addition, more awareness raising will be organised in 2020 on the markings used in ARES to restrict access to sensitive information, via the Intranet and/or through dedicated advice. DG CLIMA will also further implement its own 'special handling' instructions.

In the context of **data protection**, DG CLIMA will continue to implement the action plan on personal data protection adopted by the Commission<sup>40</sup>. It will assess the compliance of processes with general principles in particular as regards lawfulness, data minimisation and storage limitation and will continue to implement the following measures:

- Data protection included as a standing agenda point on senior Management Meetings;
- Several in-house training sessions for staff on basic principles of personal data protection;
- Updated model templates of “privacy statements” available for all staff;
- Of the 10 data processing operations in DG CLIMA, seven are published in the Public Register of the Data Protection Officer and three will be finalised in 2020;
- Procedure foreseen by DG CLIMA in case of data breaches available for all staff to be applied by everyone when/if needed.

**Objective:** DG CLIMA is using innovative, trusted digital solutions for better policy-shaping, information management and administrative processes to forge a truly digitally transformed, user-focused and data-driven Commission

**Main outputs in 2020:**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Compliance with the digital solutions modernisation plan	Percentage of compliance established by scoring the 3 most important IT systems against the 11 principles	At least 70%
Use of electronic workflows for financial transactions	Percentage of CLIMA financial transactions in paperless mode	At least 90%
Confirmed baseline of implementation of corporate principles for data governance	Percentage of CLIMA key data assets for which have been implemented	At least 50%
Review of existing ARES files to identify those that can be usefully shared with other DGs	Number of ARES files made accessible to other DGs	85% (compared to 76.96% in 2019)
Proactive dissemination of up-to-date information on data protection through trainings	Number of trainings organised for specific groups	1 training for managers and training for newcomers

<sup>40</sup> Action plan adopted on 7 November 2018



Awareness-raising and training session on SNC information and on DG CLIMA special handling policy	Publication and dissemination of information on DG CLIMA intranet Number of trainings organised	Page published Training for newcomers and 2 trainings for staff in general
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## E. Sound environmental management

In summer 2020 DG CLIMA finalised its work on the “**Feasibility and scoping study for the Commission to become climate neutral by 2030**”, which it initiated and supervised with the close involvement of the Commission’s EMAS Steering Committee. DG CLIMA will contribute to the preparation of the comprehensive action plan that the Commission in the Green Deal Communication pledged to table in 2020, and will start preparing DG CLIMA-specific measures for the coming years.

In an effort to further **reduce the amount of waste** from its operation (which is already below the Commission average), and after evaluation of the pilots at OIB and MARE and consultation of staff carried out in 2019, CLIMA will in 2020 replace individual waste bins in each office with waste separation stations as proposed by OIB.

In line with the European Green Deal’s statements that “*Public authorities, including the EU institutions, should lead by example and ensure that their **procurement is green***” and that the Commission “*will present a comprehensive action plan in 2020 to implement itself the objectives of the Green Deal and to become climate neutral by 2030*”, DG ENV, in cooperation with DG CLIMA, will contribute with its expertise to the Commission services in charge of procurement in view of integrating climate-protection aspects into corporate procurement activities.



Performance,  
Credibility,  
Transparency

DG CLIMA will also apply the EMAS Guidelines on **organising sustainable meetings and events** at the Commission<sup>41</sup> to all its internal and external meetings and organise relevant trainings for its staff. In the same spirit and to avoid use of single-use items, and after successful pilots in some Directorates where staff are already bringing own reusable mugs, plates and cutlery to social events, DG CLIMA will make this a DG-wide practice.

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<https://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas/pdf/other/EC%20Guide%20Sustainable%20Meetings%20and%20Events.pdf>

**Objective: DG CLIMA takes full account of its environmental impact in all its actions and actively promotes measures to reduce the related day-to-day impact of the administration and its work**

**Main results and outputs in 2020:**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Introduction of waste separation stations (replacing individual waste bins in each office)	Amount of non-hazardous waste	Reduce non-hazardous waste by 20% compared to before the introduction of the waste separation stations
DG CLIMA applies the EMAS Guidelines on organising sustainable meetings and events at the Commission <sup>42</sup> to all DG CLIMA events (internal and external)	Training is carried out on the EMAS Guidelines on organising sustainable meetings and events at the Commission Checklist verification implemented for events and meetings	Meetings are organised in a consistently more sustainable manner
To avoid use of single-use items, DG CLIMA will initiate the DG-wide practice of staff bringing reusable mugs, plates and cutlery to internal social events	Instructions to bring own reusable items to social events are sent to staff with the invitation; or reusable items are provided by the organising entity	Contributes to the same target as the introduction of waste separation stations

<sup>42</sup>

<https://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas/pdf/other/EC%20Guide%20Sustainable%20Meetings%20and%20Events.pdf>

## F. Example(s) of initiatives to improve economy and efficiency of financial and non-financial activities

Considering the high political priority of climate action policies and the limited resources available in the DG, DG CLIMA will again in 2020 seek to improve its functioning and implement local and/or corporate measures (notably the recently proposed measures in the document management domain), as well as in the areas of public procurement and in the IT domain leading to **synergies and efficiency gains**.

Due to the COVID-19 confinement, the DG in the spring of 2020 promptly switched to electronic workflows and e-signature in Ares for its in-house **procurement activities**.

As regards the **LIFE programme**, several measures will streamline procedures in cooperation with DG Environment and DG Energy, namely the multi-annual financing decisions reducing administrative burden and allowing for greater flexibility, simplification of the budget nomenclature reducing the number of LIFE budget lines from 11 (counting the solidarity corps) to 5, and the further promotion of Integrated Projects that, thanks to complementary funding, help mobilise other EU, national and local funds and create synergies with other EU policies.


As regards the **Innovation Fund**, DG CLIMA prepared a financing decision in combination with the call for proposals, will opt for on-boarding to the corporate e-grants tool and will examine the possibility of lump-sum payments (budget for result).




The **concentration of climate-related programmes** such as LIFE, the Innovation Fund and cluster 5 of Horizon Europe ('Climate, energy and mobility') in the new Climate and Infrastructure Executive Agency (**ECIEA**) would certainly lead to implementation synergies and cross-fertilisation of feedback into policy making.

The exclusive **use of an electronic workflow in ARES** for all procedures, including financial, is also one of the examples of efficiency gains that will be achieved in 2020. Indeed, new workflow templates are created in that respect and trainings will be organised in 2020 to inform users.

The likely **reorganisation of the DG** in 2020 will be operated notably with a view to better align with the new Commission priorities, the new virtual and collaborative ways of working and the DG's new mandate, but also to achieve further synergies and efficiency gains.

## ANNEX: Performance tables

Initiatives that are part of the Commission Work Programme 2020 are marked with the following icon .

General objective: A EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL			
<b>Specific objective 1: Climate neutrality to be achieved by 2050 through a well-functioning EU carbon market and a fair regulatory framework for the EU and its Member States to reduce emissions</b>			Related to spending programme(s) LIFE Regulation
<b>Main outputs in 2020:</b>			
New policy initiatives			
Output	Indicator		Target
 European Climate Law enshrining the 2050 climate neutrality objective (PLAN/2019/6281)	Adoption		1st Quarter 2020
 Communication on the 2030 Climate Target Plan (PLAN/2020/6960)	Adoption by the Commission		3rd Quarter 2020
 Contribution to 8 <sup>th</sup> Environment Action Programme (PLAN/2019/6281/5395)	Adoption		4th Quarter 2020
Revision of the EU Emission Trading System Directive on specific aviation issues (PLAN/2019/5485)	Open public consultation finalised		3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
Agreement on Commission proposal to amend the EU MRV shipping Regulation COM(2019)38	Co-decision agreement		4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Initiatives linked to regulatory simplification and burden reduction			
Output	Indicator		Target
Review of EU rules on fluorinated greenhouse gases (PLAN/2020/7308)	Open public consultation launched		3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
Ozone layer protection – revision of EU rules (PLAN/2020/6630)	Open public consultation launched		3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020

<b>Evaluations and fitness checks<sup>43</sup></b>		
<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Evaluation of the F-gas Regulation (PLAN/2020/6373)	Open public consultation launched	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
Evaluation of article 7a of the Fuel Quality Directive	Support study contracted	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020
<b>Public consultations</b>		
<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Open public consultation on the 2030 Climate Target Plan (PLAN/2020/6960)	Views of stakeholders taken into account in the impact assessment	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
Open public consultation on the revision of the EU Emission Trading System Directive on specific aviation (PLAN/2019/5485)	Views of stakeholders are collected	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
Ozone layer protection – revision of EU rules (PLAN/2020/6630)	Open public consultation launched	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
<b>External communication actions</b>		
<b>Output/ Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Attendance Climate Law event	Number of attendees Web streaming and social media viewers Number of posts and engagement on social media  Satisfaction with the content, the organisation and the usefulness of the event (5 excellent - 1 poor)	300 participants 14,000 viewers  17 posts, 2,000 interactions (likes, retweets, replies)  Average score: at least /5
<b>Other important outputs</b>		
<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Commission Delegated Directive introducing lifecycle greenhouse gas intensity default values (2016/CLIMA/022)	Adoption by the Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Member States' annual emission allocations for years 2021 to 2030 and ETS flexibilities under the Effort Sharing Regulation	Adoption by the Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Commission Regulation on monitoring and reporting of Light	Adoption by the Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020

<sup>43</sup> The full list of ongoing evaluations and studies are recorded in the dedicated inter-institutional studies database.

Duty Vehicles (LDVs) (PLAN/2020/7459)		
Commission Delegated Regulation amending Annex IV to the LULUCF Regulation (PLAN/2020/6941)	Adoption by the Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
Commission Decision on the EU ETS emissions cap for 2021 (PLAN/2020/7972)	Adoption by the Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
Commission Regulation on the List of Aircraft Operators which performed an aviation activity under the EU ETS (PLAN/2020/7020)	Adoption by the Commission	March 2020
Revision of the Commission Implementing Regulation on EU Emission Trading System Accreditation and Verification Regulation (AVR) (PLAN/2019/5965)	Adoption by the Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
Revision of the EU Emission Trading System Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (MRR) (PLAN/2019/5966)	Adoption by the Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
Commission Decision determining the benchmark values for free allocation in the period 2021-2025 (benchmark update, decision on cross-sector correction factor, National Implementation Measures decisions) (PLAN/2017/1532)	Adoption by the Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Update of data requirements and starting dates for monitoring and reporting pursuant to Regulation 2018/956 (PLAN/2019/5956)	Adoption by the Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
Commission delegated regulation on monitoring of HDV on-road tests (VTP) (PLAN/2020/6434)	Adoption by the Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Report on the Functioning of the European Carbon Market in 2019 (PLAN/2020/8051)	Adoption by the Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Decision determining quotas for ozone-depleting substances for 2021 (PLAN/2020/7662)	Adoption by the Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Report on the use of fluorinated greenhouse gases in split air-conditioning systems (PLAN/2020/7116)	Adoption by the Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020
Report on the availability of hydrofluorocarbons in the EU (PLAN/2020/7455)	Adoption by the Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020

Report on the use of SF6 in switchgear and related electrical equipment PLAN/2020/7117	Adoption by the Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020
2019 Annual Report on CO2 Emissions from Maritime Transport (PLAN/2020/7264)	Adoption by the Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020
Publication of the Market Stability Reserve indicator (PLAN/2020/7111)	Adoption by the Commission	05/05/2020
Preparation of the Union Registry for the accounting facilities in accordance with EU and international policies post-2020, e.g. regarding rules for LULUCF (PLAN/2017/930)	Adoption by the Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020
Procurement Contracts	Contracts signed	30 contracts by 31/12/2020

## General objective: A EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

**Specific objective 2: EU climate legislation is monitored through the Energy Union Governance and mainstreamed in the European Semester process**

Related to spending programme(s)  
LIFE Regulation

### Main outputs in 2020:

#### Enforcement actions

Output	Indicator	Target
Conformity check of national measures transposing Directive 2015/652 (calculation methods and reporting requirements under the Fuel Quality Directive)	Conformity check performed	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Completeness check of national measures transposing the revised EU Emission Trading System (EU ETS) Directive for phase 4	Completeness check performed	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Review of national implementing measures under Regulation 2015/757 (Monitoring CO2 emissions of maritime transport)	Review performed	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020


#### Other important outputs

Output	Indicator	Target
Fifth report on the State of the Energy Union (PLAN/2020/8305)	Adoption by the Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020



Recommendations and country-specific assessments of Member States' final NECPs (PLAN/2020/7517)	Adoption by the Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
EU-level assessment of NECPs (PLAN/2020/7598)	Adoption by the Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020
Union inventory system, global warming potentials and internationally-agreed guidelines to be used in reporting (PLAN/2018/3723)	Adoption by the Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020
Structure, format, submission process and review of climate information reported under the Energy Union Governance (PLAN/2018/3720)	Adoption by the Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020
Integration of climate transitions into the European Semester (Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy, country reports and country-specific recommendations)	Delivery	31/12/2020
Climate Action Progress Report 2020	Adoption by the Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Procurement Contracts	Contracts signed	7 contracts by 31/12/2020

<b>General objective: A EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL</b>		
<b>Specific objective 3: Climate-related spending mainstreamed in the EU budget and in private funds to finance the green and just transition and invest in particular in low carbon and other climate innovations</b>	Related to spending programme(s) LIFE Regulation and EU budget, ETS funds outside the EU budget	
<b>Main outputs in 2020:</b>		
<b>New policy initiatives</b>		
<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Commission Decision on the Modernisation Fund (PLAN/2018/2383)	Adoption	3rd Quarter 2020
Climate change mitigation and adaptation taxonomy (PLAN/2020/6950)	Adoption by the Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
<b>Other important outputs</b>		
<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Commission Delegated Regulation to facilitate sustainable investment (PLAN/2020/6950)	Adoption by the Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Delegation of the Innovation Fund grant management to INEA (PLAN/2019/6246)	Adoption by the Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020
Commission Decision and Cooperation agreement with the EIB on the implementation of the Modernisation Fund	Adoption by the Commission	3rd Quarter 2020
Decision on the Innovation Fund financing and launch of the first call (PLAN/2020/7880)	Call launched	3rd Quarter 2020
Traditional action grants supporting mitigation/adaptation plans, promotion of innovation, resilience to climate change, supporting implementation of EU law	Grant agreements signed	35 by mid-2020
Integrated projects (IP) to improve the climate knowledge base	Integrated projects signed	3 by Q4 2020
Technical assistance (TA) projects supporting MS with the preparation of an integrated project	Technical assistance projects signed	2 by Q4 2020
Operating grants supporting NGOs	Specific grant agreements (SGA) signed	8 by Q1 2020

Financial agreements under the financial instruments	Operations signed	4 by 31/12/2020
Procurement contracts	Contract signed	3 contracts by 31/12/2020
<b>General objective: A EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL</b>		
<i>Specific objective 4: A voice and a space is given to citizens, cities, regions and all stakeholders to design and implement climate actions, share information, launch grassroots activities and showcase solutions that others can follow through the Climate Pact and the EU Covenant of Mayors</i>		Related to spending programme(s) LIFE Regulation
<b>Main outputs in 2020:</b>		
<b>New policy initiatives</b>		
<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
The European Climate Pact (PLAN/2020/6880) 	Adopted	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
<b>Public consultations</b>		
<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Public consultation on the European Climate Pact (PLAN/2020/6880)	Views of stakeholders taken into account in the design of the Climate Pact	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
<b>External communication actions</b>		
<b>Output/ Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Participation in European Climate Pact Citizens' Dialogue – Facebook Live event	Number of views on Facebook	35,000
European Climate Pact website	Climate Pact platform is online (1 <sup>st</sup> phase of website)	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Citizen participation in European Climate Pact launch event	Timing of event Number of attendees (mix of presence and online)	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2020 Format not yet defined
<b>Other important outputs</b>		
<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Target</b>
Procurement contracts	Contracts signed	9 contracts by 31/12/2020


**General objective: A EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL**

**Specific objective 5: EU society (people, nature and welfare) is increasingly climate-resilient, adapted and equipped, protected and insured against the adverse impacts of climate change**

Related to spending programme(s)  
LIFE Regulation

**Main outputs in 2020:**

**New policy initiatives**

Output	Indicator	Target
New EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change 	Draft impact assessment submitted to the Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021

**Public consultations**

Output	Indicator	Target
Open public consultation on the new EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change	Views of stakeholders collected	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020

**Other important outputs**

Output	Indicator	Target
Procurement contracts	Contracts signed	3 contracts by 31/12/2020

**General objective: A EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL**

**Specific objective 6: The level of ambition of other GHG emitters is increased thanks to the EU's leading role in climate diplomacy in line with the Paris Agreement and SDG 13**

Related to spending programme(s)  
International conventions and agreements

**Main outputs in 2020:**

**Other important outputs**

Output	Indicator	Target
COP 26	Successful events	Postponed due to the COVID-19
Participation in UNFCCC meetings (2 meetings)	Successful events	Postponed due to the COVID-19
Participation in Montreal Protocol meetings (2 meetings)	Successful events	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
To support with preparation, organisation, delivery and follow-up of the annual Florence meeting	Successful events	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020

Submission of the EU's Long Term Strategy to the UNFCCC	EU position submitted to the UNFCCC	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Submission of the EU's revised ambition for 2030 to the UNFCCC	EU revised ambition for 2030 submitted to the UNFCCC	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020
Commission Proposal for a Council Decision on linking the EU and the Swiss Emission Trading Systems regarding the adoption of Linking Technical Standards (PLAN/2019/6175)	Adoption by the Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020
Commission Proposal for a Council Decision on linking the EU and the Swiss Emission Trading Systems regarding Common Operational Procedures (PLAN/2019/6176)	Adoption by the Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020
Procurement contracts	Contracts signed	4 contracts by 31/12/2020