



Citizens' summary

EU proposal – 2030 climate & energy package

What's the issue?

The EU is proposing new climate and energy **objectives for 2030**, to:

- increase certainty for **investors**, especially for long-term infrastructure projects
- give guidance to **EU governments** in preparing national policies
- help the EU contribute constructively to negotiations on a new **international climate agreement in 2015**.

What exactly would change?

The package includes:

- a 2030 target for **greenhouse gas emissions** of 40% below 1990 levels
- a 2030 target for **renewable energy** of at least 27% of energy consumption
- a set of **key indicators** for the competitiveness of the energy system and security of energy supplies (to provide a benchmark for progress and possibly for future action).

To help meet these targets, the Commission is proposing measures such as:

- **national plans** to make action EU member countries more consistent
- a structural measure to make the EU **emissions trading** system work better

The package does not include a 2030 target for **energy efficiency**, but the Commission will outline its plans for this later in 2014.

Who would benefit and how?

The package aims to:

- reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels
- make our economy more energy/resource efficient (less carbon intensive).
- increase investments in the EU economy, developing new sectors, technologies and jobs.
- reduce air pollution significantly, leading to big health improvements and lower health-related costs and pollution control measures.



Why does action have to be taken by the EU?

Climate change and energy are **trans-boundary issues** that need a **coordinated approach** at European level. An agreed approach at the EU level would:

- reduce costs and improve the **effectiveness** of efforts to meet common challenges
- reinforce the EU's **single market** and provide a **level playing field** for companies operating there
- promote action at **national, regional & local level**, by clarifying the responsibilities between the EU and its member governments in meeting 2030 objectives

When is the proposal likely to come into effect?

- The targets apply to 2030 – and the other changes to EU climate/energy law will take effect post-2020.
- National plans will have to be ready well in advance of 2020.