



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the Commission's Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Stepping up Europe's 2030 climate ambition – Investing in a climate-neutral future for the benefit of our people {COM(2020) 562 final}.*

*The Commission appreciates that the Camera Deputaților has analysed the Communication and welcomes its support for the increased greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for 2030 and the ambitious EU climate policies. The Commission also takes note of the Camera Deputaților's concerns about the increased risks for and consequences of climate change.*

*The Commission would like to make the following comments in response to the issues raised in the Opinion.*

*The Commission would like to stress that it seeks to ensure that the transition to climate neutrality will be socially fair – not leaving any EU citizens or regions behind – and enhance the competitiveness of the EU economy and industry, securing high quality jobs and sustainable growth in EU, while providing synergies with other environmental challenges, such as biodiversity loss. With the European Green Deal, the Commission has put forward an ambitious growth strategy to deliver on these ambitions and meet our goal to become the world's first climate neutral continent.*

*The Commission has carefully taken note of the views expressed by the Camera Deputaților, including on the importance of innovation and new technologies, need for cost-effective solutions, contribution of various sectors, climate benchmarks, circular economy, citizen empowerment and education, stakeholder consultations and participation, importance of biodiversity, and on Horizon Europe and the Innovation Fund.*

*The Commission would like to highlight that it will come forward with a number of initiatives under the Fit for 55 package to enable the EU to effectively reduce net*

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*domestic greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels. This package will cover a wide range of policy areas, including a reinforcement and possible extension of the EU's Emissions Trading System, an update of the Effort Sharing Regulation, a strengthening of the Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry Regulation, revisions of the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Directives, an update of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions performance standards for cars and vans, a revision of the Energy Taxation Directive, and a proposal for a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. The legislative proposals will be accompanied by detailed impact assessments. In addition, the Commission will propose measures to implement the new circular economy action plan, the EU biodiversity strategy and the Farm to Fork strategy. It will also continue to work on other strands of the European Green Deal, including by mainstreaming climate action across the entire EU budget.*

*The Commission sees the involvement and commitment of all stakeholders, including those at local community level, as crucial for the success of the European Green Deal. Notably, the Commission launched in December 2020 a European Climate Pact, for which it engages with all parts of society to enable and empower them to take action towards a climate-neutral and climate-resilient society. The European Commission also regularly seeks the views of citizens and stakeholders when it develops climate policy and legislation. Member States have also been consulting stakeholders, including for their national recovery and resilience plans.*

*The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided in this reply address the issues raised by the Camera Deputaților and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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