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## EU Closing in on 2030 Climate and Energy Targets, Commission Finds

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The **European Commission** has concluded that the **European Union is significantly narrowing the gap towards its 2030 climate and energy targets**, following an assessment of updated **National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs)** submitted by Member States.

After incorporating recommendations issued by the Commission in **December 2023**, EU countries have substantially strengthened their plans. Collectively, the EU is now closing in on a **55% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030**, as required under the **European Climate Law**, and on achieving a **renewable energy share of at least 42.5%**.

### EU on track to meet climate ambition

According to the Commission's assessment, the EU is currently on course to reduce **net GHG emissions by around 54% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels**, provided that Member States fully implement existing and planned national measures alongside EU legislation.

In the current geopolitical context, this progress confirms that the EU is maintaining its climate commitments while simultaneously investing in the **clean energy transition**, strengthening **industrial competitiveness**, and safeguarding the **social dimension** of the transition.

### Strategic initiatives supporting implementation

The Commission underlines that **NECPs are complemented by broader EU-level initiatives**, notably the **Clean Industrial Deal** and the **Affordable Energy Action Plan**. These initiatives are expected to mobilise investment in:

- Industrial decarbonisation
- Clean technologies
- Energy efficiency solutions
- Europe's domestic renewable energy potential

Together, they aim to deliver **lower and more stable energy prices over time**, while supporting sustainable economic growth.

### Strengthening energy security and resilience

Updated national plans also reflect growing political determination to:

- Reduce dependence on **imported fossil fuels**
- Improve the **resilience and security** of energy supplies and infrastructure
- Accelerate integration of the **internal energy market**

- Invest in **skills development** and provide targeted support for vulnerable groups

These measures contribute to a more secure, resilient and socially balanced Energy Union.

### **Preparing the path beyond 2030**

The Commission's assessment provides a **solid analytical foundation** for discussions on the EU's next decarbonisation milestones towards **2040** and ultimately **climate neutrality by 2050**.

To address remaining gaps, the Commission will intensify cooperation with Member States and provide **additional guidance** set out in the assessment package published today.

### **Next steps**

The next phase will focus on **turning plans into action**, ensuring stability and predictability for investors and citizens. This includes:

- Targeted use of public funds to support transformative investments
- Mobilisation of private capital
- Stronger coordination at regional, national and EU levels

The Commission will continue to support Member States in implementation and in closing remaining gaps.

Three Member States — **Belgium, Estonia and Poland** — have yet to submit their final NECPs and are required to do so without delay. While their overall targets were included in the EU-wide assessment, the Commission will conduct individual evaluations once the plans are formally submitted.

In addition, the Commission is finalising its assessment of **Slovakia's** final NECP, submitted on **15 April 2025**.

### **Background**

Under the **Governance Regulation of the Energy Union and Climate Action**, Member States must regularly submit NECPs outlining how they will meet **2030 climate and energy targets** and broader Energy Union objectives.

The first NECPs were finalised in 2020 and subsequently updated to reflect the **Fit for 55 legislative package**. Draft updates were due by **30 June 2023**, followed by Commission recommendations in December 2023. Final plans were required by **30 June 2024**.

The current package includes:

- An **EU-wide assessment**
- A **Staff Working Document**
- Individual assessments of **23 national plans**, along with implementation guidance

NECPs will be reviewed for the **post-2030 period** as part of the forthcoming revision of the Governance Regulation.

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