

Green Deal for Europe

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Green New Deal – traction across EU



A phenomena of the social democrats and greens?

'Green New Deal' campaign set to dominate Labour conference



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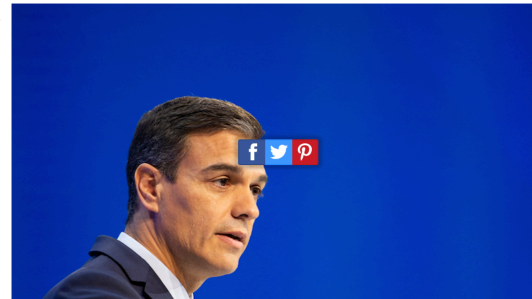


Labour conference is set to be dominated by the campaign pushing for the party to adopt a 'Green New Deal', as almost 130 local parties have sent the policy motion for debate at the meeting starting this weekend.

Green New Deal should not be feared, says Spanish prime minister

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Pedro Sanchez told business leaders in Davos that neoliberalism was at an end and his country was ready to lead a progressive global ecological transition



Pedro Sánchez, prime minister of Spain speaking at the annual meeting 2019 of the World Economic Forum in Davos, January 23, 2019 (Photo: World Economic Forum/Faruk Pinjo)

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As long as the European Council itself does not propose a candidate, Ska Keller could find broad support in parliament, according to Sven Gregorik, spokesman for her party in Germany, the Bündnis 90/Die Grünen. (EPA-EFF/GOLIVER HOSLET)

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Europe must adopt an ambitious industrial policy aligned with its climate agenda by investing in clean technologies, and introducing a carbon tariff at the EU's external border in order to protect industries against environmental dumping, says Bas Eickhout, the lead candidate for the Greens in the European elections.

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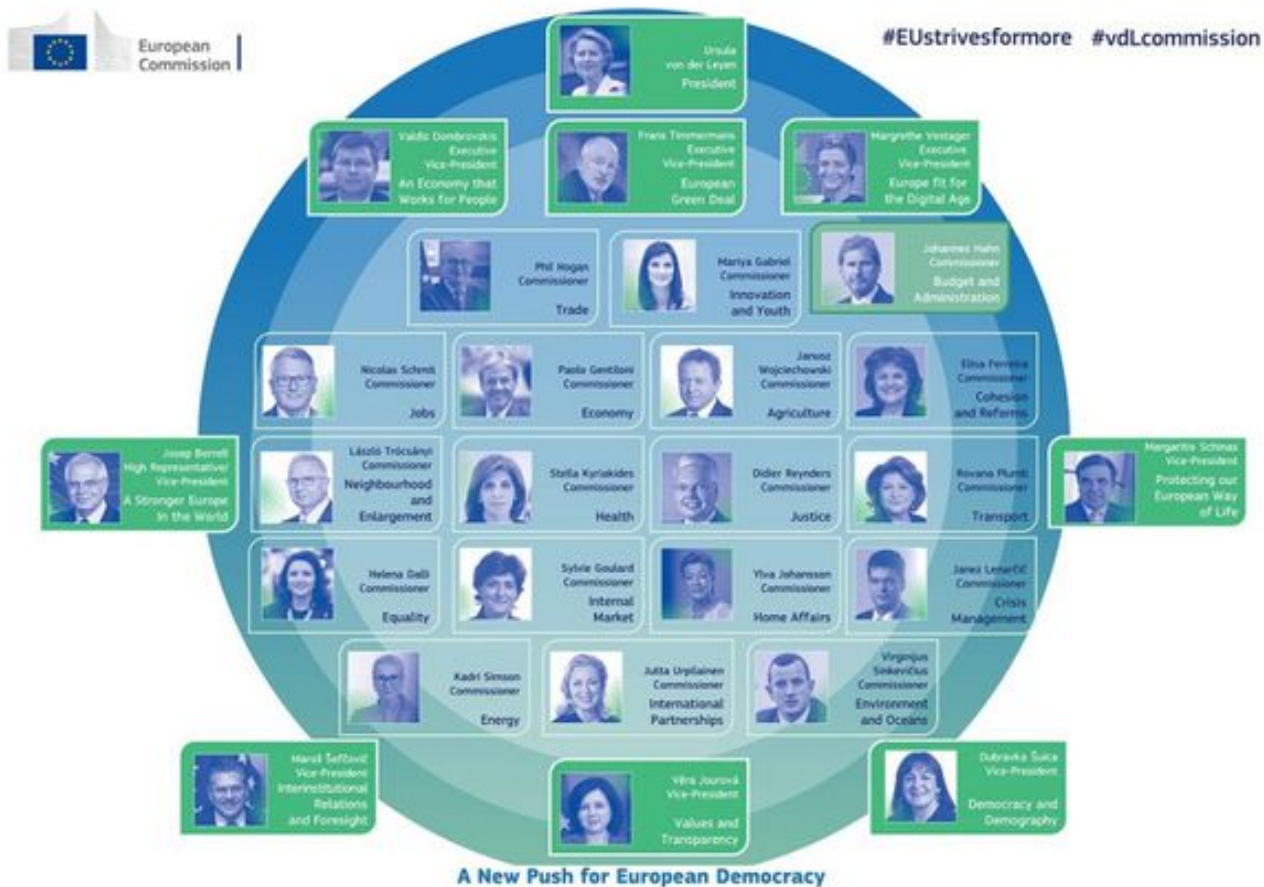
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Set-up of new Commission



Overall priorities of new Commission



- **A Green Deal for Europe** (*see next slides*)
- **An economy that works for people:**
 - Links “our goal for a climate neutral and healthy planet” with “a strong and resilient social market economy”.
 - European semester to be refocused into an instrument that “integrate the UN SDGs”.
- **A Europe for for the digital age**
- **Protecting our European way of life**
- **A stronger Europe in the world:**
 - EU to be champion of multilateralism
 - All new trade agreements to have a dedicated sustainable development chapter and “the highest standards of climate, environmental and labour protection”.
- **A new push for European democracy :**
 - “Conference on the Future of Europe” - to start in 2020 for 2 years – bring together young people, civil society and EU institutions as equal partners.
 - Full co-decision power for EP (on climate target setting) away from “unanimity for climate, energy, social and taxation policies”

EC's Green Deal framing



More “Green” than “New Deal”?

- **Protecting our planet and our shared environment is our generation’s defining task.** It is an urgent moral, human and political obligation, which Europeans have resoundingly told us they want their Union to fulfil.
- It is also a **long-term economic imperative**: those who act first and fastest will be the ones who grasp the opportunities from the ecological transition.
- The European Green Deal should become **Europe’s hallmark**. At the heart of it is our commitment to becoming the world’s first **climate-neutral continent**. It will require collective ambition, political leadership and a just transition for the most affected.

Pillars of the Green Deal



Environment and climate (*Timmermans*)

- Climate law (net-zero 2050)
- Zero pollution
- Circular economy
- Blue economy
- Biodiversity strategy

Financial support (*Dombrovskis*)

- Sustainable Europe Investment Plan (1trn)
- 50% of EIB investment to climate by 2025
- Green financing strategy

Economic aspects (*Gentiloni*)

- Review Energy Taxation Directive
- Scope Carbon Border Tax

Social concerns (*Timmermans/Simson*)

- Just Transition Fund
- Energy Poverty Observatory

Too narrowly defined around environmental and climate concerns?

Role of Timmermans



- European Green Deal (within first 100 days) – SecGen support
 - Climate-neutrality by 2050 and at least 50% by 2030 (*unclear if law*)
 - Lead international negotiations and put forward comprehensive plan for 55% by 2030 “in responsible way” (*Impact Assessment needed*)
 - New Just Transition Fund
 - Biodiversity Strategy for 2030
 - zero-pollution ambition (air, water, noise)
 - Reduce carbon footprint of transport sector
 - Ensure blue economy contributes to decarbonization
 - Circular economy and new “Farm to Fork” strategy for sustainable food
 - “ensure” that our tax policies enable us to deliver on our climate ambitions. This will include the work on the Carbon Border Tax and Energy Taxation Directive

Annex

Timmerman's mission (2)



- Climate Action – supported by DG Clima
 - European Climate Law (within first 100 days) to enshrine 2050 climate neutrality target
 - Ensure implementation of ETS, ESR, LULUCF
 - European Climate Pact, bringing together regions, cities, communities, civil society, industry and schools to design and commit to a set of pledges to change behaviour

Role of Dombrovskis (Executive VP)



- I want you to ensure that we maximise the impact of EU investment to support our industry and help us deliver on our core priorities. You will coordinate the work on the **Sustainable Europe Investment Plan, which should unlock €1 trillion of climate-related investment over the next decade.**
- To support this, you will be in charge of relations with the **European Investment Bank**, helping to turn parts of it into Europe's climate bank. By 2025, half of its total financing should be dedicated to climate investment.
- I want you to develop a **green financing strategy** to ensure that we can direct investment and financing to the transition to a climate-neutral economy. You should work with our partners to lead global efforts to scale up sustainable financing.

Role of Gentiloni (economy)



- You will coordinate the launch of the future InvestEU programme and ensure it contributes to our overall objectives, notably on climate neutrality and the digital transition. Building on this approach, you will also set up and implement the **Sustainable Europe Investment Plan**.
- Taxation must play a central role in the European Green Deal. I want you to lead the work on the review of the **Energy Taxation Directive** to align it with our ambitions and bring an end to fossil-fuel subsidies.
- You should lead on the proposal of a **Carbon Border Tax**, working closely with the Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal. This is a key tool to avoid carbon leakage and ensure that EU companies can compete on a level playing field. The Carbon Border Tax should be fully compliant with WTO rules.
- Others: digital taxation in context of G20, integrate SDGs into European Semester and use QMV on taxation where possible

Role of Goulard (industry)



- I want you to contribute to the work on enhancing Europe's technological sovereignty. This means investing in the next frontier of technologies, such as blockchain, high-performance computing, algorithms, and data-sharing and datausage tools. It also means jointly defining standards for 5G networks and newgeneration technologies.
- All parts of European industry should contribute fully to the objective of a climateneutral economy by 2050. You should ensure that our new Circular Economy Action Plan feeds into to our overall industrial strategy.
- I want you to contribute to the new SME strategy to help them scale up and expand, including through improved access to finance. As part of this, you will appoint a Commission SME Envoy.

Role of Simson (energy)



- I want you to focus on the rapid **implementation of energy-efficiency and renewable-energy legislation**. In this spirit, you should work closely with the Member States to set out their National Energy and Climate Plans. Given the increased ambition of the European Green Deal, you should assess the need to review legislation.
- You should ensure Europe follows the energy-efficiency-first principle across the board. As part of this, you should look at how Europe can further improve the **energy performance of buildings and speed up renovation rates**
- **Gas** will have a role to play in the transition towards a carbon-neutral economy, notably through carbon capture and storage. You will assess how sources of supply can be diversified at competitive prices, in particular by making full use of the potential of affordable liquefied natural gas.
- You should seek to empower citizens and cooperatives to play an increased role in the take-up of renewables through self-consumption.
- You should contribute to the design and implementation of the new **Just Transition Fund**, notably by making sure it provides targeted support to industrial, coal and energy intensive regions, as well as energy islands.
- Over 50 million European households cannot afford to properly heat their homes. You should make use of the **Energy Poverty Observatory** to help Member States identify areas needing the most support.

Role of Plump (transport)



- To ensure that we have a transport sector fit for a clean, digital and modern economy, you should put forward a comprehensive strategy for sustainable and smart mobility. As part of this, you should focus on increasing the uptake of sustainable and alternative transport fuels for road, maritime and air transport.
- You will lead work on extending the Emissions Trading System to the maritime sector and reducing free allowances for airlines.
- As transport evolves and modernises, you should ensure that it remains affordable, reliable and accessible, notably for those on a low income or living in remote areas, and that passenger rights are respected.

EU climate action since 2015

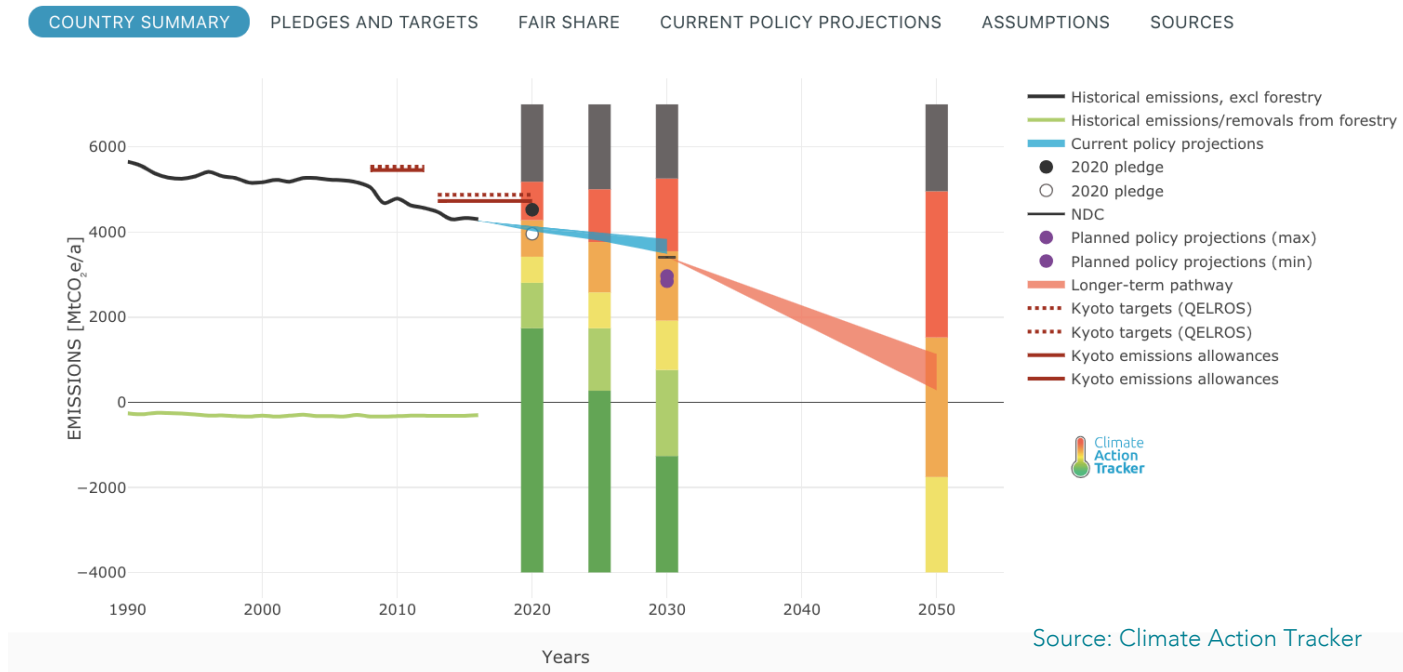


- The EU's Nationally Determined Contribution sets a target of a **40% GHG emission reduction by 2030** compared to 1990.
- This target has been transposed into laws:
 - Emission Trading Scheme (energy, industry)
 - Climate Action Regulation (transport, buildings, agriculture, waste)
- In addition, the “Clean Energy Package” has been adopted:
 - 32% binding EU target for renewable energy ($\pm 55\%$ renewables in electricity)
 - 32.5% indicative headline target for energy efficiency improvements
- The EU also set targets for the transport sector:
 - 37.5% carbon emission reductions for cars and vans
 - 30% carbon emission reductions for trucks

Another way to look at EU's performance



Country summary





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