



A 2050 vision for a carbon-neutral Europe: opportunities for climate initiatives

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★ The context: climate neutrality by 2050

★ Policies

- ★ Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry
- ★ Carbon Farming
- ★ LIFE



Paris Agreement Ambition

Global goals

★ Mitigation (reducing emissions)

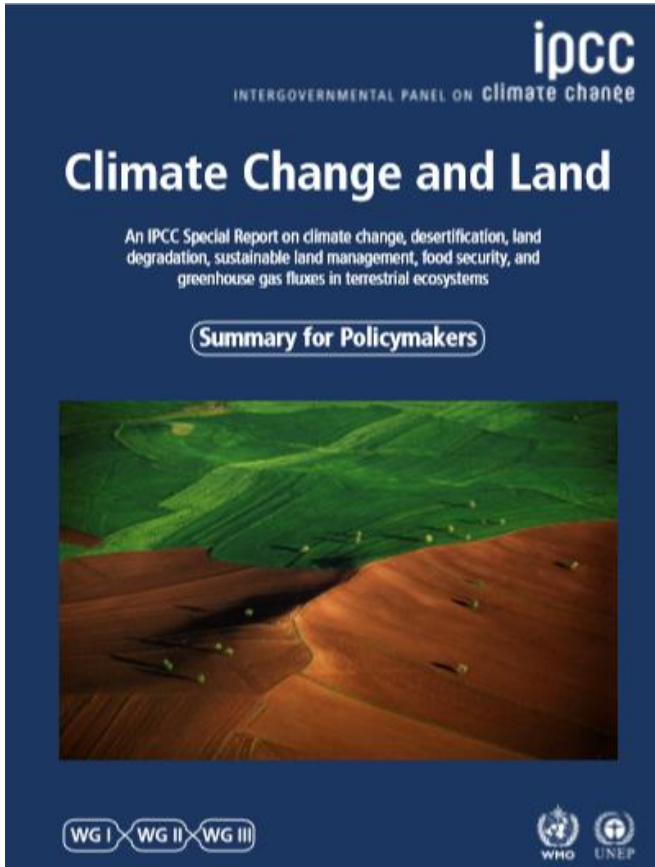
- ▶ Well below +2deg C + Efforts to limit increase to +1.5deg C
- ▶ Balance between emissions and removals of greenhouse gases by the 2nd ½ of this century

★ Adaptation

- ▶ Enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change



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Le Monde

Un rapport spécial du GIEC : l'humanité épuise les terres

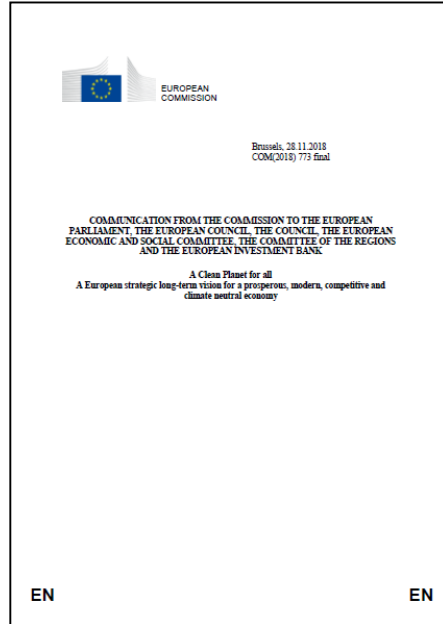
Les experts de l'ONU avertissent sur la surexploitation des ressources, qui menace la sécurité alimentaire, appauvrit la biodiversité et amplifie les émissions.

Par Pierre Le Hir - Publié le 08 août 2019 à 10h00 - Mis à jour le 09 août 2019 à 18h21

The New York Times

Climate Change Threatens the World's Food Supply, United Nations Warns

<https://www.ipcc.ch/srccl-report-download-page/>



Communication “A Clean Planet for All” (Long Term Strategy) (Nov 2018)

25 pages

<https://europa.eu/uJ83HG>

In depth analysis supporting the Communication

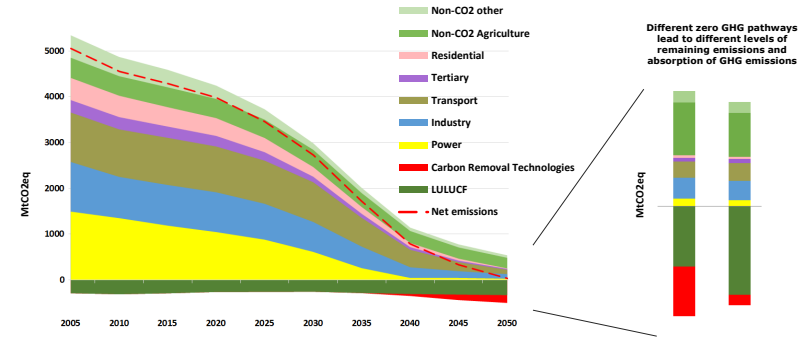
393 pages

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Our Vision for a Clean Planet by 2050

- ★ Commission vision for EU long-term strategy: **climate-neutral EU by 2050** (net zero GHG emissions)
- ★ **Substantial transformations:** energy system, buildings, transport, industry, agriculture
- ★ A number of pathways – **challenging but feasible** from technological, economic, environmental and social perspective





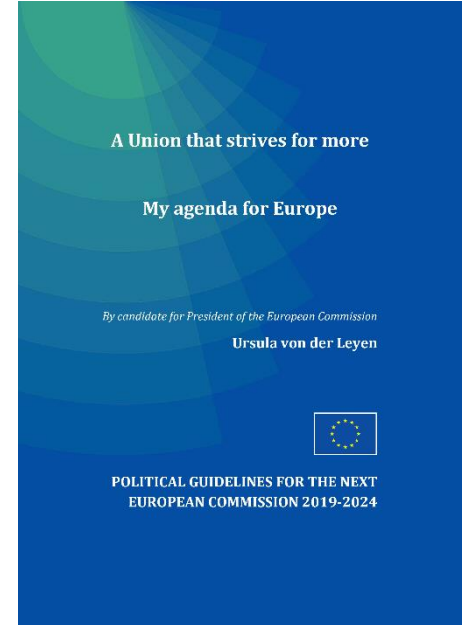
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for the European Green Deal





The European Green Deal

➤ Europe to become climate-neutral by 2050

- Proposal within the first 100 days in office, including first European Climate Law
- Extension of the ETS
- Border Carbon Tax
- Just Transition Fund
- Strategy for green financing and a Sustainable Europe Investment Plan
- Parts of the EIB become EU's climate bank
- Increase EU's target for 2030 to 50%, if possible to 55%

➤ **Environment** (Biodiversity Strategy, sustainable food policy, zero-pollution ambition, circular Economy Action Plan, single-use plastics and micro-plastics)

Land use contribution to climate policies



ADAPT to climate change

- Water retention
- Choice of resilient crops
- Enhance soil quality
- Agro-forestry

REDUCE GHG emissions

- Precision farming
- Breeding
- Nitrification inhibitors
- Anaerobic digestors
- Energy efficiency

ENHANCE carbon removals

- Afforestation
- Limit deforestation
- Enhance forest carbon sink
- Sustainable soil management
- Wetland management

PROMOTE the bioeconomy

- Bio-feedstocks for industry and power sectors
- Advanced biofuels
- Substituting building materials

EU Adaptation Strategy

Effort Sharing

Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry

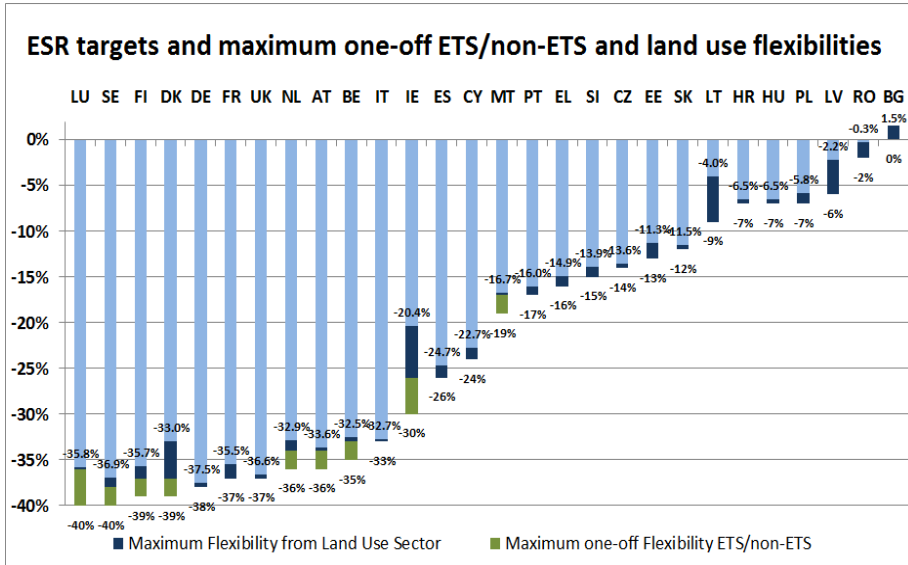
Emission Trading (substitution effect)

EU Governance Regulation

EU Climate framework

National targets, Regs (EU)2018/842 and 2018/841

Including non-CO2 agriculture, transport, waste, buildings, land



- ★ Every Member State has an emission reduction target by 2030
- ★ The allocation of the targets is proportional to GDP
- ★ Member State can achieve part of these targets with credits generated in the land (LULUCF) sector
- ★ Countries with a larger agricultural sector can use more LULUCF credits to comply with Effort Sharing targets

Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry

- ★ LULUCF includes all impacts on GHG of human management of vegetation and soils
 - ★ cropland, grassland, forests, wetlands
- ★ Both emissions and removals
- ★ LULUCF today is approx. 10% removal of the EU's total GHG budget
- ★ The forest sink, however, is projected to decline in some Member States and the EU
- ★ Additional effort can maintain these removals



Carbon Farming Schemes

Ongoing activities in DG CLIMA

- ★ Study to create guidelines on EU Carbon Farming
- ★ LIFE Call (under award process) for a *preparatory project* on Carbon Farming

Under a result-based CAP MS can design direct incentives to climate action:

- ★ E.g. “carbon farming” payments for carbon sequestration
- ★ Climate action can become a new source of income for farmers

LIFE programme 2021-2027

- ★ Proposed **budget of €5,45 billion**, divided into **two fields**:
 - ★ **Environment** with 2 sub-programmes
 - ★ Nature and Biodiversity (€2,15 bn)
 - ★ Circular Economy and Quality of Life (€1,35 bn)
 - ★ **Climate Action** with 2 sub-programmes
 - ★ Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (€0,95 bn)
 - ★ Clean Energy Transition (€1 bn)
- ★ Building on previous LIFE programmes, more focus on strategic projects
- ★ **National contact points** for guidance on formulating applications

Examples of LIFE projects (mitigation)

Projects can contribute to the wider adoption of*:



- ★ Conservation agriculture
- ★ Agro-forestry
- ★ Wetland management (e.g. peatland restoration)
- ★ Sustainable forest management
- ★ Enhanced soil carbon management
- ★ Carbon accounting tools
- ★ Local “Carbon Farming” schemes (carbon credit markets)
- ★ Improved monitoring of carbon emissions and removals

- ★ Replacement of fossil-based materials with bio-based materials
- ★ Bio-based circular economy

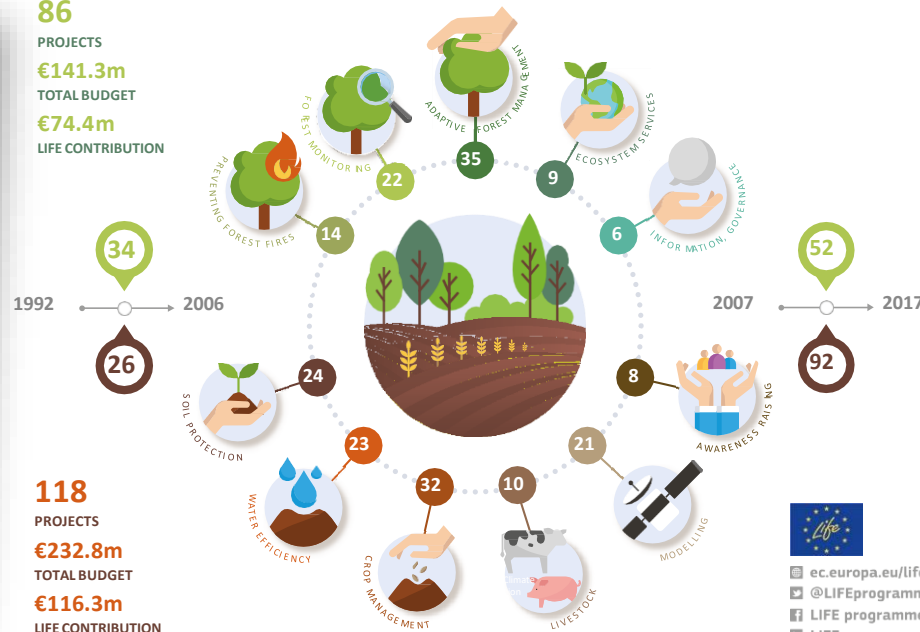
- ★ Improved nutrient management and nitrogen fixing
- ★ Better livestock management (feeding, breeding...)
- ★ Better manure management

* Non-exhaustive lists







Examples of LIFE projects (adaptation)



86
PROJECTS
€141.3m
TOTAL BUDGET
€74.4m
LIFE CONTRIBUTION



118
PROJECTS
€232.8m
TOTAL BUDGET
€116.3m
LIFE CONTRIBUTION

-  **The Green Link** 
90 % tree survival rate
-  **LIFE AgroClimaWater** 
15 % water saved on olive and citrus farms
-  **LIFE VinEcoS** 
22 % less pesticides used on vineyards
-  **LIFE BIODELEAR** 
0 % insecticide used on fruit orchards
-  **SigAGROasesor** 
400 farmers given real-time recommendations
-  **PTD LIFE** 
120 livestock breeders tested adaptive grazing plans
-  **LIFE+ DEMORGEST** 
60 % extra CO₂ savings alongside new anti-forest fire practices
-  **LIFE+ ForBioSensing PL** 
22 million trees mapped to track climate change effects



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