

Game Setting & Teams

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Game Setting

The European Climate Law has been drafted by the European Commission

In contrast to the expectations, it does not include any binding goal of emission reduction by 2030 (carbon neutrality by 2050 remains, though), it should be set in 2021 according to the Commission.

Poland opposed the Commission's plan already, and seeks for an exception

Twelve member states against not setting a binding goal for 2030 already in mid 2020 (Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden). These countries demand faster action.

The German position uncertain right now.

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At the same time, negotiations of the next Multiannual Financial Framework take place.

The MFF sets the budgetary priorities for the years 2021-2027, and the negotiations are not easy as well, in particular due to attempts of the previous Commission to set up a conditionality in drawing of the EU funds, provided the countries comply with the Council decisions.

Note that the MFF has to be approved by all EU member states unanimously.

Goal of the Game

The EC proposed:

A decrease the CO₂ emissions by 50 % - 55 % till 2030 in comparison with the 1990 emissions (former goal was 40% reduction) in a "responsible way".

To prevent an excessive burden on the poor and on some regions, the proposal includes the Just Transition Mechanism and Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism.

This 50% reduction by 2030 might not be in-line with the IPCC projections consistent with the below 1.5 °C rise of the temperature.

Shall the EU countries and the European Parliament support the roadmap proposed by the Commission or shall they strive for another deal?

Teams

European Commission. Drafted a proposal, considered as the flagship agenda. Willing to reach a united position among the EU member states.

Curran, K., Brandsås, Ø.K., Vantsyan, T.,

European Parliament. Position of MEPs depends on coalition that will prevail in the EP.

Radulovic, D.P., Schiereck, S.V., Barrientos Muñoz, A.

Germany. Delicate position, not an open support for any position by now, but strong public pressure on climate action. Wants strong Europe.

Shin, D., Scharf, Y., Zambrano Ortega, S.E., Alarcon, I.

Sweden. Represents countries willing to reach faster reduction of the CO₂ emissions. On top of that, relatively strict positions on MFF (no increase in overall size of the budget, supporting conditionality)

Klimešová, T., Schnabl, V., Hajeb, D., Sriskantharajah, N., Kratochvíla, P.

Poland. Against EC plan openly, slight informal support by some other CEE countries.

Hartmann, R., Hussein, N., Zhao, W., Meier, P.

Good Luck!