A Clean Planet for all

A European strategic long term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy



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Our Vision for a Clean Planet by

- The Paris Agreement, requires to reduce GHG emissions, with the objective to hold global temperature increase to well below 2°C and to pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5°C
- The IPCC report confirms that limiting climate change to 1.5°C is necessary to avoid these worst impacts. Climate change undermines security and prosperity in the broadest sense.
- For Europe, limiting temperature increase well below 2°C means 80% emissions reduction by 2050 compared to 1990.
- For Europe to lead the world in climate action, it means achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
- The Long Term Strategy shows that transforming our economy is possible and beneficial. It also highlights the challenges of the transformation, but the status quo is not an option.



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- The EU is about to • achieve its 2020 targets
- Targets for 2030 • are agreed in EU law
- Business as usual means -45% GHG emissions in 2030 (vs. 1990)
- Without increasing • ambition: -60% emissions in 2050





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Scenarios for Europe in 2050

- Scenarios are used for projection about demand and supply of energy (including land use) → compliant with Paris targets
- 8 scenarios analyse different technology pathways (high electrification, high energy efficiency, circular economy, etc.)
- Different levels of ambition: -80% emissions and net-zero by 2050 plus a Baseline (business as usual)





Analysed scenarios in line with Paris Agreement

| Long Term Strategy Options | | | | | | | | |
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| | Electrification (ELEC) | Hydrogen (H2) | Power-to-X (P2X) | Energy Efficiency (EE) | Circular Economy (CIRC) | Combination (COMBO) | 1.5°C Technical (1.5TECH) | 1.5°C Sustainable Lifestyles (1.5LIFE) |
| Main Drivers | Electrification in all sectors | Hydrogen in industry, transport and buildings | E-fuels in industry, transport and buildings | Pursuing deep energy efficiency in all sectors | Increased resource and material efficiency | Cost-efficient combination of options from 2°C scenarios | Based on COMBO with more BECCS, CCS | Based on COMBO and CIRC with lifestyle changes |
| GHG target in 2050 | -80% GHG (excluding sinks) ["well below 2°C" ambition] | | | | | -90% GHG (incl. sinks) | -100% GHG (incl. sinks) ["1.5℃" ambition] | |
| Major Common Assumptions | Higher energy efficiency post 2030 Deployment of sustainable, advanced biofuels Moderate circular economy measures Digitilisation Market coordination for infrastructure deployment BECCS present only post-2050 in 2°C scenarios Significant learning by doing for low carbon technologies Significant improvements in the efficiency of the transport system. | | | | | | | |
| Power sector | Power is nearly decarbonised by 2050. Strong penetration of RES facilitated by system optimization (demand-side response, storage, interconnections, role of prosumers). Nuclear still plays a role in the power sector and CCS deployment faces limitations. | | | | | | | |
| Industry | Electrification of processes | Use of H2 in targeted applications | Use of e-gas in targeted applications | Reducing energy demand via Energy Efficiency | Higher recycling rates, material substitution, circular measures | Combination of most Cost- efficient options from "well below 2°C" scenarios with targeted application (excluding CIRC) | COMBO but stronger | CIRC+COMBO but stronger |
| Buildings | Increased deployment of heat pumps | Deployment of H2 for heating | Deployment of e-gas for heating | Increased renovation rates and depth | Sustainable buildings | | | CIRC+COMBO but stronger |
| Transport sector | Faster electrification for all transport modes | H2 deployment for HDVs and some for LDVs | E-fuels deployment for all modes | Increased modal shift Electrification as in ELEC | Mobility as a service | | | CIRC+COMBO but stronger Alternatives to air travel |
| Other Drivers | | H2 in gas distribution grid | E-gas in gas distribution grid | | | | Limited enhancement natural sink | Dietary changes Enhancement natural sink |



All sectors have to contribute

GHG emissions trajectory in a 1.5°C scenario





Energy supply in 2050



🖩 non-energy fossil fuels use 🛢 solids 📑 fossil liquids 📕 natural gas 📮 nuclear 🗰 e-liquids 🔲 e-gas 📕 renewables





Electrification of demand

Evolution of final energy use by fuel





Consumption of gaseous fuels



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Consumption of new fuels by sector in 2050







Integrated and interconnected smart infrastructure, spurring sectoral integration.

Completion of the Trans-European Energy and Transport Networks.

Smart electricity and data/information grids, hydrogen pipelines.

Smart charging or refuelling stations for transport. Increased synergy between transport and energy systems.

Retrofitting existing infrastructure and assets and timely replacement of ageing infrastructure compatible with the deep decarbonisation objective.





Power generation capacity in 2050





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Storage capacity in 2050







Electricity stored in 2050





