

National Energy and Climate Plans - A review of EU Member States climate action planning towards 2030

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The National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) are a key tool of the Energy Union Governance towards achieving the EU's 2030 climate and energy targets. All Member State had to submit their drafts by 31 December 2018. The Ecologic Institute, together with CLIMACT, developed a methodology to rate and rank the draft NECPs. Funded by the European Climate Foundation, this project sheds light on how well Member States are fulfilling the obligation of the Governance Regulation and thereby, how well Member States are supporting the achievement of the 2030 targets.

This project looks at and compares the Member States' contributions as outlined in the draft plans. The evaluation methodology of this project focus on the most relevant indicators: target adequacy, policy details and process quality. In the target quality indicators, the focus lays on the climate and energy targets set by the Member States and whether they contribute to a fair share to the EU's 2030 targets. The policy details indicators review whether the Member States provide a good level of detail on its existing and planned policies and measures and whether the Member States describe a (non-)achievement of their 2030 targets with these policies. Also taken into account is information on investments needs and financing measures as well as the phase-out of coal and fossil fuel subsidies. Process quality focuses on whether each Member State has conducted a stakeholder consultation.

This project continues the in-depth analysis work the Ecologic Institute has been conducting on the EU's political processes towards implementing the Energy Union and the Paris Agreement. The NECP ranking will be published in Mai 2019.

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