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## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS



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#### Legal implications

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As the EU considers early ratification of the Paris Agreement, this paper explains the related key legal questions that arise should the EU push to ratify without its internal burden sharing in place and without all Member States ratifying simultaneously. The paper is available for download.

It is likely that the Paris Agreement on climate change, which was adopted by the parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change at the end of 2015, will enter into force by the end of 2016. It might even happen in time for the climate conference that starts in Marrakech from 7 November.

The EU and its Member States are currently in the midst of

negotiating internally on how they will collectively implement their contributions towards the objectives of the Paris Agreement. Given the likelihood of the Paris Agreement entering into force soon, the EU now considers ratifying the Paris Agreement quickly, without necessarily having its internal burden sharing in place or waiting for all the Member States to finalise their own ratification procedures. The reason would be to support the political momentum for the PA and also to have a seat at the table if the PA enters into force soon. However, there are a number of legal and political issues and potential consequences of early EU ratification, which we explain and assess in this paper.

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