The EU is to be climate-neutral by 2050. In March 2020, the European Commission presented its draft law, which for the first time legally anchors the goal of climate neutrality. This is a milestone in climate protection policy. Ursula von der Leyen even compared this goal with the moon landing.

For Nils Meyer-Ohlendorf from the Ecologic Institute, the draft is heading in the right direction – but it contains gaps that need to be filled. For example, there are no emission budgets or targets for 2030 and 2040.

Dr. Joachim Hein of the Federation of German Industry considers the draft to be over-ambitious. He criticizes the abstractness of the target and the lack of more concrete steps.

In the 9th episode of the environmental podcast "Knowledge for Future", detektor.fm editor Rabea Schloz evaluates the potential of the European climate protection draft law with both.

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