

Reforming the EU: What Role for Climate and Energy Policies in a Reformed EU?

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How firmly are climate action, sustainability and energy solidarity rooted in the core values of the EU?

According to President Macron, the ecological transition is one of the 6 keys for sovereignty that should be included in the EU reform.

Energy issues were at the core of the creation of the European Union (“European Coal and Steel Community”), and climate change and energy are now high on the agenda.

Member States can better face those global challenges together than individually.

How should we implement the ecological transition in the EU ?

President Macron's vision on EU energy and climate policy:

- We should include energy and climate in our foreign policy;
- We should implement a carbon price floor;
- We should develop interconnections within the EU;
- We should create contracts with the territories which are the most affected by the ecological transition;
- We should protect our economy with a carbon inclusion mechanism;
- We should develop the low carbon industry (clean vehicles, energy infrastructures, etc.).

How can we go further on ambition on energy and climate issues ?

On all major issues, we need to move forward together and to accelerate. No Member State should be left aside, but no Member State should stop those who want to move faster.

- **Ex:** we need to accompany the territories for which the ecological transition will have negative social impacts. For example, we could develop specific contracts with those regions.
- **Ex:** there is a coal phase-out momentum in some Member States (FR, NL, IT, UK, ...), sometimes linked to carbon pricing measures. France is promoting this momentum and encourages Member States to join and to implement a carbon price floor on electricity production.
- **Ex:** some Member States (like Sweden) are almost always a few steps ahead of the rest of the EU on climate action. They push for more ambition in the EU, and they don't hesitate doing more than what is strictly expected under EU law.

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