

# The European Union, Ambition, and Article 6

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Commission





# European Climate Law *Amendment*

*Setting the  
2040 Target  
and  
mandating  
the review of  
legislation*

3. In order to reach the climate-neutrality objective set out in Article 2(1), the binding **Union 2040 climate target shall be a reduction of net greenhouse gas emissions (emissions after deduction of removals) by 90 % compared to 1990 levels by 2040.**

4. With a view to the period after 2030, the Commission **shall review relevant Union legislation in order to enable the achievement of the target set out in paragraph 3 of this Article and the climate-neutrality objective set out in Article 2(1) and consider taking the necessary measures as appropriate and based on detailed impact assessments, in accordance with the Treaties**

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## *Credit Elements*

5. **Within the framework of the review** referred to in paragraph 4, first subparagraph, in order to facilitate the achievement of the target set out in paragraph 3, **the Commission shall ensure that the following elements are appropriately reflected in the legislative proposals:**

**(a) from 2036, an adequate contribution towards the 2040 climate target of high-quality international credits under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement of up to 5 % of 1990 Union net emissions, corresponding to a domestic reduction of net greenhouse gas emissions by 85 % compared to 1990 levels by 2040, in a way that is both ambitious and cost-efficient, supporting the Union and third countries in achieving net greenhouse gas reduction trajectories compatible with the Paris Agreement objective to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C and pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1,5 °C above pre-industrial levels, ensuring the environmental integrity of those credits, while promoting the Union's technological leadership;** a pilot period from 2031 to 2035 to initiate a high-quality and high-integrity international credit market may be considered; **the origin, quality criteria and other conditions concerning the acquisition and use of any such credits shall be regulated in Union law to ensure that they are based on credible and transformative activities in partner countries with the aim of achieving climate targets and policies compatible with the long-term temperature goal laid down in the Paris Agreement, that they are subject to robust safeguards, including ensuring integrity, avoidance of double counting, additionality, permanence, transparent governance, strong monitoring, reporting and verification methodologies, that they ensure economic, social and environmental co-benefits and human rights safeguards, and have a high ambition for the share of proceeds for adaptation and the sharing of mitigation benefits with countries concerned;** when establishing the quality criteria, the Commission shall consider, where appropriate, **complementing the criteria laid down under Article 6(4) of the Paris Agreement to ensure the respect of those safeguards and the highest quality of international credits, in particular with regard to permanence and human rights**

# Selected\* Highlights

Preparation of  
Legislative Proposals  
to include an  
appropriate reflection  
of....

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**From 2036**

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**Adequate** contribution of **up to 5%** of 1990 net emissions **towards** the 2040 target

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Credits of **high quality** generated under **Article 6**

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**Supporting EU and Third Countries** in achieving trajectories compatible with the PA objective of 1,5 and 2°C

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Promotion of **EU technological leadership**

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**Pilot period** to be considered for the period 2031-2035

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**Credible and transformative** activities in partner countries

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Robust **safeguards** (additionality, permanence, verification, monitoring, etc.)

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High Ambition - **Sharing of proceeds for adaptation**

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High Ambition - **Sharing of mitigation benefits**

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Criteria **complementing Article 6.4** to ensure **highest quality** in particular on **permanence** and **human rights**

# European Climate Law and Implementation



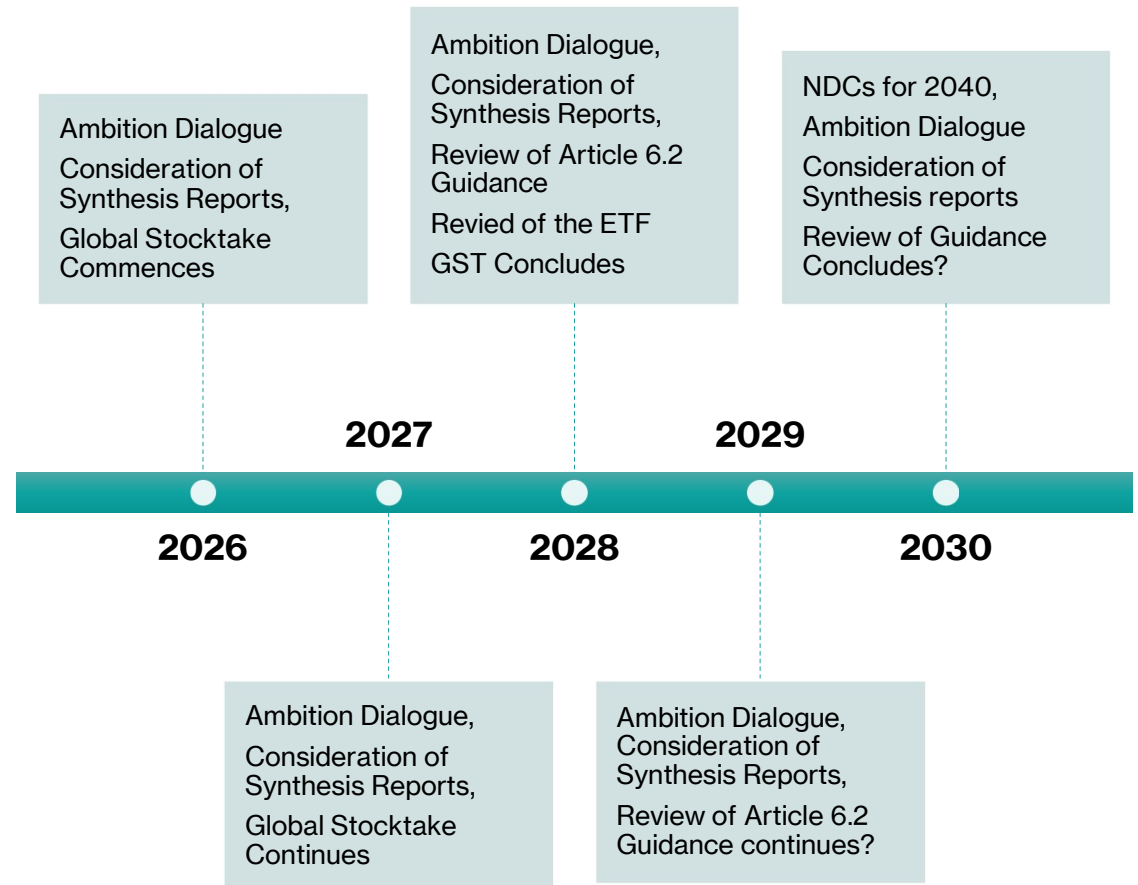
- **Scientific Advice & Public Consultation** June 2023
- **The 2040 Target Communication** February 2024
- **European Climate Law Proposal** July 2, 2025
- **Fast-Track Council/Parliament Trialogue & Adoption**  
Dec 2025 – Feb 2026
- **Entry into Force** April 7, 2026
- **Post-2030 Package Consultation** Feb 9 – May 4, 2026
- **EU ETS Revision Proposal (Expected)** July 2026
- **Sectoral Legislative Packages ESR LULUCF, CREDITS,  
REPORTING (Expected)** Q4 2026

Where are we?

# UNFCCC Ambition Dialogue

## In Context

What role does  
it plan in  
ambition  
cycle?



# Mandates

- **Paris Agreement**

Article 14 – GST periodically take stock of implementation to **assess collective progress toward the Paris Agreement's long-term goals**. This process is to be comprehensive, facilitative, and based on mitigation, adaptation, and support, while considering equity and science.

- **Sharm El Sheik**

Para 51 Sharm - Dialogue to **exchange information on and experience in how cooperative approaches in which they participate support ambition** as Part of Capacity Building Programme

- **Glasgow Decision**

13. Also requests the secretariat to prepare **annually a compilation and synthesis of the results of the Article 6 technical expert review**, including identification of recurring themes and lessons learned, **for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, including in the context of its review of the guidance**;

14. Decides to **review the guidance at its tenth session (2028) and to complete the review by no later than at its twelfth session (2030)** in order to coordinate the timing of the review with that of the review undertaken in accordance with paragraph 18 of decision 4/CMA.1;

- 15. Requests the **Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to commence its work in 2028 to develop recommendations in relation to the review referred to in paragraph 14 above**, and decides that the relevant work of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice shall include, but is not limited to: