



View of the German Farmers' Union on the FIT FOR 55 Strategy

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The path to climate neutrality

European Green Deal:

- Announced in December 2019 by European Commission's President Ursula von der Leyen
- Number 1 political priority of the EU for the 2019-2024 period
- More than an ecological agenda: "Europe's new growth strategy" (U. von der Leyen)
- Objectives:
 - **2050**: net-zero GHG emissions in the EU (climate neutrality)
 - **2030**: -55% GHG emissions compared to 1990
 - **2040**: intermediary target (to be defined in 2023 after global stock take of Paris Agreement)

European Commission “Fit-for-55” package presented on 14 July 2021

Pricing

- Stronger Emissions Trading System including in aviation
- Extending Emissions Trading to maritime, road transport, and buildings
- Updated Energy taxation Directive
- New Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

Targets

- Updated Effort Sharing Regulation
- Updated Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry Regulation
- Updated Renewable Energy Directive
- Updated Energy Efficiency Directive

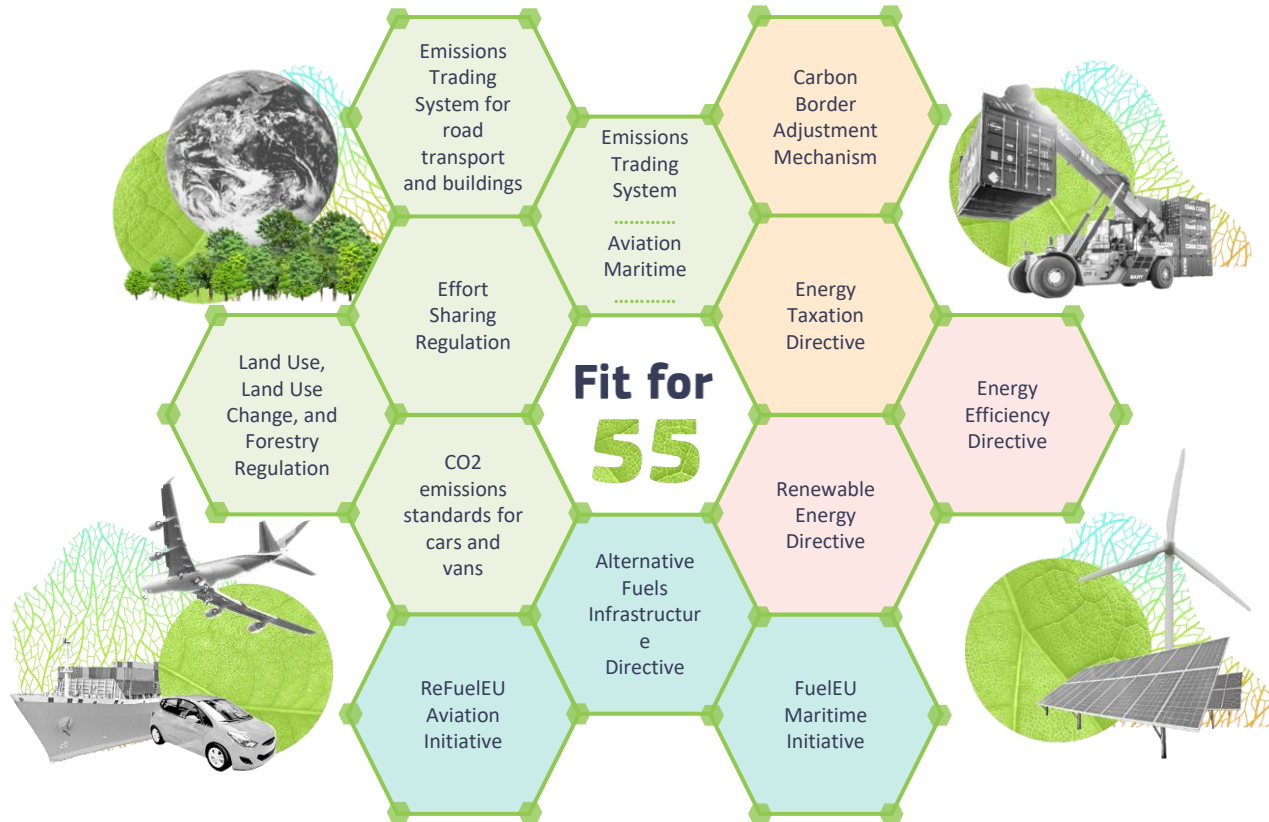
Rules

- Stricter CO₂ performance for cars & vans
- New infrastructure for alternative fuels
- ReFuelEU: More sustainable aviation fuels
- FuelEU: Cleaner maritime fuels

Support measures

- Using revenues and regulations to promote innovation, build solidarity and mitigate impacts for the vulnerable, notably through the new **Social Climate Fund and enhanced Modernisation and Innovation Funds.**

“Fit-for-55” architecture



Architecture

- **Effort Sharing Regulation** keeps its current scope until 2030 (including non-CO2 agriculture)
- Incentivising national policies, ensuring accountability
- Upgrade national targets



- **New ETS for fossil fuels in buildings and transport**
- Stronger price signal by **ETS** because of lower cap on emissions allowances
- Maritime and aviation emissions covered by emissions trading

- Increased 2030 target for carbon removals in **LULUCF Regulation**
- Combined land use and non CO2 agriculture sector from 2031 onwards
- Set climate neutrality in the combined sectors by 2035

Timetable

2021 to 2025

*Member States keep
current LULUCF
commitments*

2026 to 2030

Increase EU carbon
removals to 310 Mt
by 2030

*Member State
targets based on
reported data*

Climate neutral EU land sector by 2035

Carbon removals
balance agricultural
emissions, including
from livestock and
fertiliser use

*Member State
targets to be
proposed in 2025*

**Non-CO2 emissions from livestock and fertilizer remain
under Effort-Sharing Regulation until 2030
EU reduction target of 40%**

Climate-neutral production of food and biomass by 2035



Interlinked proposals

Regulation on Land Use, Forestry, and Agriculture




EU-target of net carbon removals of at least 310 Mt in 2030

Climate-neutrality for the land-sector by 2035

Simplified governance for Member States' planning and target compliance

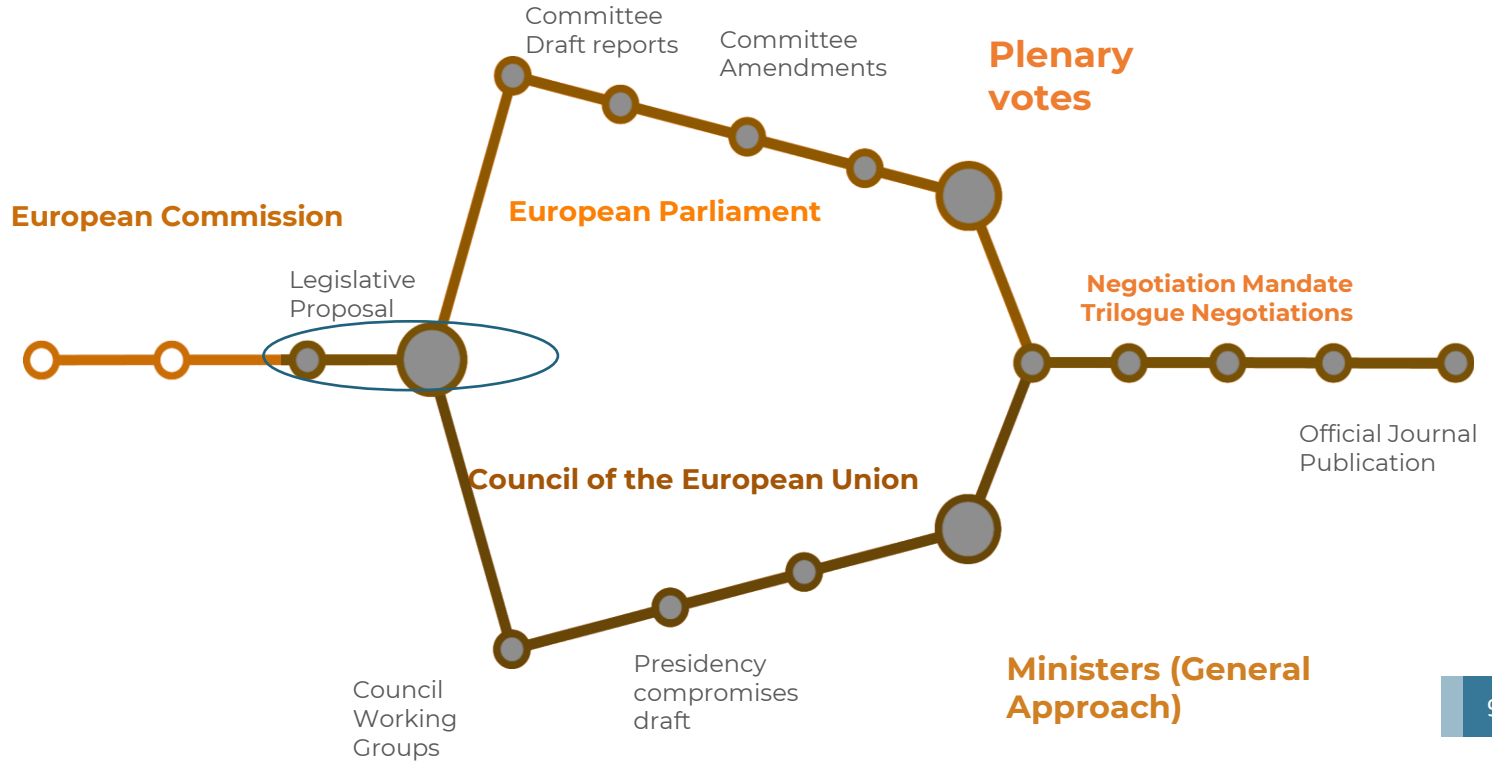
How to bring better incentives to farmers and foresters and create a better business model for them?



Policy Communication on Carbon farming

Certification of carbon removals
Commission proposal

Process on European Level



Emerging Key horizontal priorities

German Farmers are ready to make their part in delivering the ambitious EU climate objectives

Agriculture and forestry are part of the solution in the Green Deal transition

Article 2.1b of the Paris Agreement: climate action must be undertaken “in a manner that does not threaten food production”

European climate Law stressed the dedicated role for carbon sinks, and the capacity of agriculture and forestry for negative emissions

Emerging Key horizontal priorities

Scientific based and realistic targets are key

Commission's objective to achieve climate neutrality in the Union-wide greenhouse gas emissions and removals in the combined sectors by 2035 at the latest and to reduce emissions to net zero by that date needs to be clarified (LULUCF).

Suitable timeline is needed together with necessary toolbox for farmers.

The role of certified sustainable agricultural and forest biomass should be strengthened in all the bioenergy sectors



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