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What is it?

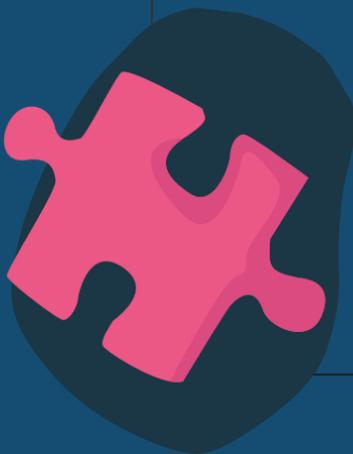
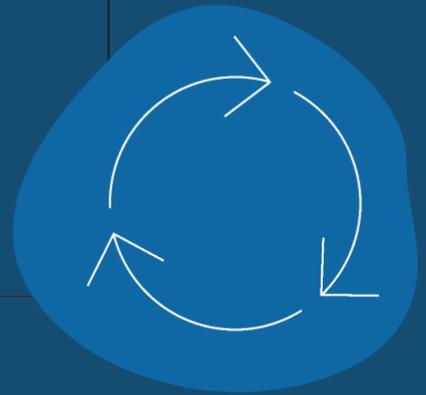
A tree of policies intended to engineer a sustainable, carbon neutral, internationally competitive and fair EU economic bloc

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However...

It also is a zero-sum forward (income) growth strategy which disregards both poor countries' needs and Earth's biophysical boundaries



What is inside?

The EU Green Deal serves as an umbrella for a wide variety of initiatives of different legal nature and range - from new treaties to Directives and ad-hoc EU strategies

In which areas?

We can classify initiatives under the EU Green Deal umbrella within the following thematic spheres:



Housing and Energy



Mobility and Transport



Agriculture and Food



Production and Consumption



Education, Ecology and Skills



Horizontal Policies

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Housing and Energy
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Renewable Energy Directive

Binding renewable energy target for the EU for 2030 to at least 32%, with a clause for a possible upwards revision by 2023.

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Renovation Wave / New European Bauhaus

Refurbished and sustainable buildings in the EU to help pave the way for a decarbonised and clean energy system.

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Reforming / Dismantling the Energy Charter Treaty

The charter enables investors to seek financial compensation if changes to energy policy negatively affect their investments, impeding countries' efforts to phase out fossil fuels.

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Initiatives on Energy Infrastructure and Regulation

Internal Energy Market, Hydrogen Strategy, Methane Strategy, EU Strategy on Energy System Integration, Trans-European Networks for Energy, EU Strategy on Offshore Renewable Energy, Blue Economy Strategy, European Battery Alliance, Batteries Regulation, European Clean Hydrogen Alliance.



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Initiatives for a Green Erasmus+

Green Erasmus is a project on the topic of the environmental impact of the Erasmus+ Programme, in particular, its higher education dimension.

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Proposals for a TransEuropExpress 2.0

Developing Europe's rail networks – both passenger and freight – through routes operated by partnerships between existing national rail companies.

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Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy

Enabling the EU transport system achieve its green and digital transformation while becoming more resilient to future crises.

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Blue Economy Strategy

Decarbonizing maritime transport.

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Connecting Europe Express

PR campaign on boosting European rail transport.

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Agriculture and Food

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Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Reform

Beginning in 2023, the new CAP aims to foster a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector that can support the livelihoods of farmers while providing healthy and sustainable food for society.

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Farm to Fork Strategy

The Farm to Fork Strategy aims to reduce the environmental and climate impact of primary production whilst ensuring fair economic returns for European farmers.

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Organic Farming Action Plan

By delivering quality food with low environmental impact, organic farming will play an essential role in developing a sustainable food system for the EU.

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EU Biodiversity Strategy

Reversing the degradation of ecosystems and putting Europe's biodiversity on a path to recovery by 2030.

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EU Agricultural Promotion Policy

Enhancing the overall competitiveness of the EU's agricultural sector.

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Diving into

Agriculture and Food

EU policies

Regulations on Nutrition Labelling

Materialising the political priority of the European Green Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy to help consumers choose healthy and sustainable diets.

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EU legislation on the Welfare of Farmed Animals

Actions on animal welfare in the context of the Farm to Fork Strategy and a more sustainable agriculture. Introducing the “Fitness Check” evaluation system.

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Sustainable use of Pesticides (Directive 2009/128/EC)

Reducing the risks and impacts of pesticide use on human health and the environment and promoting the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and of alternative approaches or techniques, such as non-chemical alternatives to pesticides.

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Common Fisheries Policies

EU regulation bringing the question of sustainability to the heart of the EU fisheries policy.

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Production and Consumption

EU policies

Circular Economy Action Plan

Engineering the progressive transition to a sustainable economic system where economic growth is detached from resource use within the new EU industrial strategy.

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EU Textiles Strategy

Ensuring that textile products are fit for circularity. Uptake of secondary raw materials, tackling hazardous chemicals, promotion of sustainable textiles and ensuring easy access to reuse and repair.

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European Supply Chain Law

Engineering a (tougher) legal framework to enforce the (existing) duty to respect human rights and the environment both in the EU and abroad.

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EU Industrial Strategy

Supporting the green & digital transitions. Accessible and affordable decarbonised energy.

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Regulations on Nutrition Labelling

Empowering consumer choice to boost sustainable production within the EU.

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Diving into

Education, Ecology & Skills

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EU Climate Pact

In parallel with the EU Green Deal, the development of a movement of people united around a common cause, each taking steps to participate in climate action and build a greener Europe.

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Green Consumption Pledge

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European Climate Law

Writing into law the goal of the EU becoming climate-neutral by 2050. The law also sets the intermediate target of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels.

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EU Climate Diplomacy

Showing leadership and setting an example by stepping up its domestic commitments. The coherent pursuit of external policy goals as crucial for the success of the European Green Deal.

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Recovery Plan for Europe / Next Generation Europe

Policies and financial schemes which build upon and resume the strategies developed and presented in the European Green Deal.

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Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe is the EU's key funding programme for research and innovation with a budget of €95.5 billion. It tackles climate change, helps to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and boosts the EU's competitiveness and growth.

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EU Adaptation Strategy

Strategy which sets out how the European Union can adapt to the unavoidable impacts of climate change and become climate resilient by 2050. The Strategy has four principle objectives: to make adaptation smarter, swifter and more systemic, and to step up international action on adaptation to climate change.

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EU Emissions Trading System

A cornerstone of the EU's policy to combat climate change and a key tool for reducing greenhouse gas emissions cost-effectively. The EU ETS works on the 'cap and trade' principle. A cap is set on the total amount of certain greenhouse gases that can be emitted by the installations covered by the system. The cap is reduced over time so that total emissions fall. Within the cap, installations buy or receive emissions allowances, which they can trade with one another as needed. The limit on the total number of allowances available ensures that they have a value.

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Just Transition Fund

Tool to support the territories most affected by the transition towards climate neutrality providing them with tailored financial assistance. Implemented under the overall framework of Cohesion policy.

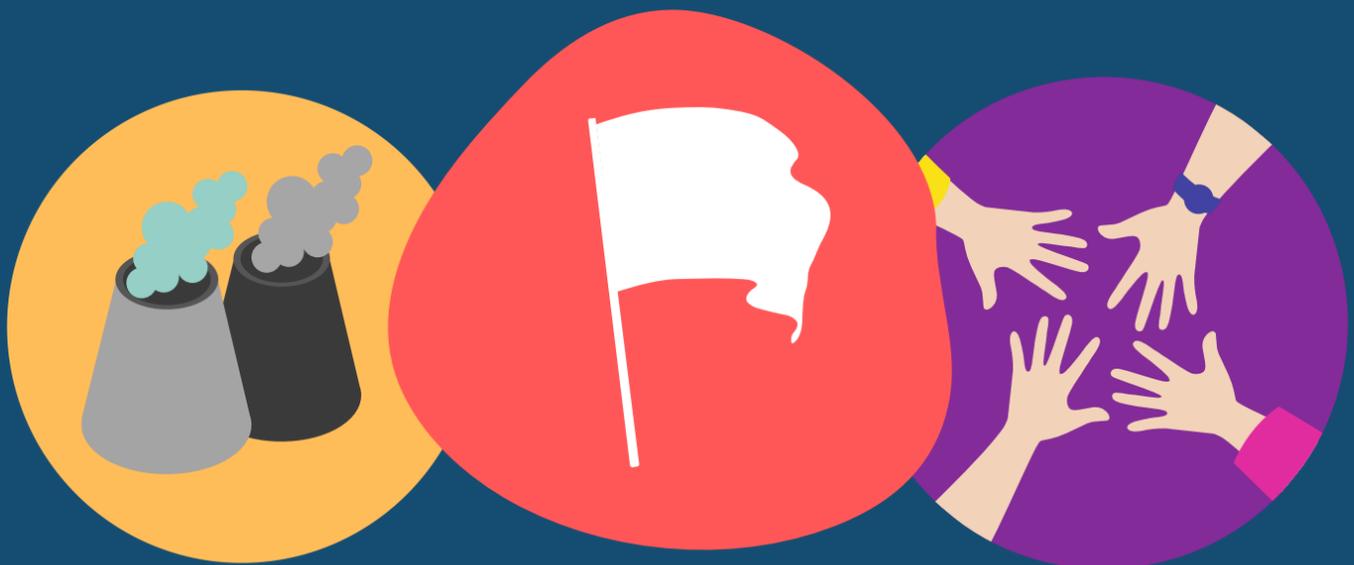
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Main Lines of Criticism

Could the European Green Deal be better?

An Investment Gap within the EU Green Deal

Unleashing the EU Commission's "green investment wave" would require a level of financial commitments that the current EU budget can not meet.

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A Green Deal for Whom?

The EU Green Deal's idea of green growth and decoupling is based on fictitious accounting, it relies on blind faith on technology and does not take into account transnational economic and climatic justice.

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A Grey Deal?

The European Green Deal does not seek to transform, but rather to accommodate, the status quo. It does not phase out fossil fuels, it does not rethink our economic systems and it does not acknowledge the ecological impossibility of infinite growth.

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