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Building Europe's Low-Carbon Future: Where We Stand and What Comes Next

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ABSTRACT

The European Union has positioned itself as a global leader in climate action, viewing decarbonisation not only as an environmental necessity but also as a key driver of sustainable growth, innovation, and competitiveness. With the implementation of the ambitious “Fit for 55” legislative package—designed to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030—the EU is taking concrete steps toward achieving its long-term climate goals.

Looking ahead, the European Commission has proposed a new 2040 climate target, setting the stage for the next phase of the European Green Deal. In this webinar, Luca De Carli from the Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA) will outline the current state of play of EU climate policy, highlight the achievements and challenges of recent years, and discuss the direction of climate action for the coming decade. The session will offer insights into how the EU aims to balance environmental ambition with economic resilience, and what this means for European citizens, industry, and international partners.

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