

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000551/25
to the Commission
Maria Ohisalo (Verts/ALE)
(6 February 2025)**

Subject: Legislative proposal to include the EU 2040 climate target

An EU-wide climate target for 2040 is to be set under the European Climate Law ⁽¹⁾. To that end, at the latest within six months of the first global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement ⁽²⁾, the Commission was to make a legislative proposal incorporating an EU 2040 climate target. The first global stocktake of the Paris Agreement concluded at the Conference of the Parties (COP28) in December 2023 ⁽³⁾.

When will the Commission publish a legislative proposal for an EU 2040 climate target in order to ensure that the EU and its Member States adopt revised national climate action plans (i.e. nationally determined contributions, or NDCs) reflecting the 2040 target in a timely manner ahead of COP30?

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**Answer given by Mr Hoekstra on behalf of the European Commission
(17 March 2025)**

In February 2024, the Commission presented its assessment for a 2040 climate target for the EU and the 2040 climate target Communication where it recommended a 90% net greenhouse gas emission reduction compared to 1990 levels as the recommended target for 2040 ⁽¹⁾.

As announced in the Commission Work Programme 2025 ⁽²⁾, the Clean Industrial Deal will also go hand in hand with a proposed 90% emission-reduction target for 2040 to be enshrined in the European Climate Law. The indicative date for the adoption of the European Climate Law amendment proposal is the first quarter of 2025 ⁽³⁾.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32021R1119>.

² https://unfccc.int/files/essential_background/convention/application/pdf/english_paris_agreement.pdf.

³ <https://unfccc.int/topics/global-stocktake/about-the-global-stocktake/why-the-global-stocktake-is-important-for-climate-action-this-decade#:~:text=The%20stocktake%20takes%20place%20every,be%20put%20forward%20by%202025>.

⁽¹⁾ COM(2024) 63 final.

⁽²⁾ COM(2025) 45 final.

⁽³⁾ Annex I to the Commission work programme 2025.