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on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Commission's recommendation for a -90% net greenhouse gas emission reduction target for 2040 is in line with the latest available science and the temperature goals of the Paris Agreement. As indicated in the Commission Work Programme 2025, the Commission intends to make a proposal in the first quarter of 2025 to amend the European Climate Law Regulation<sup>1</sup> to include this target. This target would confirm the EU's science-based approach, and thus giving the EU the necessary credibility to call on other countries to increase their ambition.

As the target is to be included in the proposal to amend the European Climate Law, it will be subject to interinstitutional negotiations before adoption and provides the legal basis for the next EU nationally determined contribution to be submitted ahead of the 30<sup>th</sup> United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP 30).

The nationally determined contribution which should include the 2040 target, with an indicative figure for 2035, will be subject to the institutional process of approval in Council prior to submission to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

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<sup>1</sup> <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1119/oj>