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The European Council, in June 2017, strongly reaffirmed the commitment of the EU and its Member States to swiftly and fully implement the Paris Agreement, underlining that the Agreement ‘is a key element for the modernisation of the European industry and economy’ and subsequently, in March 2018, invited the Commission to present ‘a proposal for a Strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reduction in accordance with the Paris Agreement, taking into account the national plans’¹.

In that context, in November 2018, the Commission presented in a Communication² its vision for a long-term EU strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, calling for a climate neutral EU economy. That Communication was substantiated by a technical document³ produced by the Commission services providing an in-depth analysis in terms of sectoral evolutions and economics of the transition towards this objective.

In December 2019, the objective of achieving a climate neutral EU by 2050 was endorsed politically⁴, in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement. This objective was set in law in the European Climate Law, which entered into force on 29 July 2021⁵.

The Commission has not engaged the company McKinsey to prepare a report on the feasibility of achieving climate neutrality by 2050.

¹ European Council 23 March 2018. EUCO 1/18.

² COM/2018/773 final.

³ In-depth analysis in support of the Commission Communication COM(2018) 773.

⁴ European Council 12 December 2019. EUCO 29/19.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2021/1119.