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Recital (17) of Regulation (EU) 2023/955 establishing the Social Climate Fund (SCF) encouraged Member States to submit their Social Climate Plan (SCP) by 30 June 2025¹. By this date, the Commission received the SCP of one Member State, namely Sweden. On 14 July 2025, it also received the SCP of Latvia.

In addition, most Member States have submitted draft Plans that have been or are in the process of being reviewed by the Commission. More plans are expected to be officially submitted before the end of 2025. The Commission is fully engaged to have in place as many Social Climate Plans as possible before 1 January 2027 when the Emission Trading System for buildings, road transport and additional sectors (ETS2) will be fully applied.

The Commission regularly engages with all Member States in horizontal meetings within the SCF formation of the Expert Group on Climate Change Policy (CEEG) as well as in bilateral meetings, to assist in the development of the Social Climate Plans. Furthermore, the Commission has published three guideline documents: Guidance on the Social Climate Plans², Do No Significant Harm Technical Guidance to the SCF³ and its Annexes⁴, Guidance on the implementation of the SCF⁵.

To facilitate the exchange of views and mobilise all stakeholders, the Commission has published several documents for good practices⁶ for drafting the Social Climate Plans and as general preparation of the Fund implementation.

The Commission continues the intensive exchanges with Member States to assist them in preparing and submitting their Plans.

¹ No penalties for late submission are foreseen in the SCF Regulation.

² https://climate.ec.europa.eu/document/download/9fbce2e3-5052-4d61-874a-54af0c7dbf55_en?filename=c_2025_881_part_1_en.pdf.

³ https://climate.ec.europa.eu/document/download/2f3269ea-fb02-4481-a1d5-3453ba3172ea_en?filename=c_2025_880_part_1_en.pdf.

⁴ https://climate.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5244b32c-419a-41b4-8932-b431755d6584_en?filename=c_2025_880_part_1_annexe_en.pdf.

⁵ https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/document/7f23666f-5556-455a-b0f5-4c150994ce10_en

⁶ https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/carbon-markets/social-climate-fund/good-practices-social-climate-plans_en.