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The European Environment Agency[1] report confirms good, steady progress in key areas[2], showing success is achievable with political will and decisive action. It highlights that targets are within reach, but efforts to implement and finance them must be ramped up.

The European Green Deal[3] legislation has built a solid legal framework. Several key EU policies have only recently entered into force thus they are yet to yield results. The report states that their full impact is not yet reflected in the indicators, and it is too early to assess their full climate and environmental impact. This calls for their timely and effective implementation. The Commission's simplification proposals[4], aligned with the Competitiveness Compass[5], support these efforts, while reducing unnecessary bureaucracy and boosting the single market. The report also acknowledges policy measures pending implementation, expected to significantly and positively impact specific indicators.

Seventeen indicators are 'likely off track' and five 'off track', with 'environmental and climate change pressures related to EU production and consumption' and 'climate change adaptation' most concerning. The Commission intends to take targeted measures, in line with the Clean Industrial Deal[6], through the Circular Economy Act[7], the Climate Resilience Framework[8], and the first Circular Economy Package[9].

The report also shows the need to leverage investment, with positive trends in green finance. The Commission's proposed next Multiannual Financial Framework[10] aims to allocate at least 35% of the total budget specifically for climate and environmental spending, through a climate and environment spending target of and by leveraging private investment.

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[1] https://www.eea.europa.eu/en.
[2] Like air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and green finance.
[3] https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en.
[4] https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-making-process/better-regulation/simplification-and-implementation/simplification_en.
[5] https://commission.europa.eu/topics/competitiveness/competitiveness-compass_en.
[6] https://commission.europa.eu/topics/competitiveness/clean-industrial-deal_en.
[7] https://environment.ec.europa.eu/strategy/circular-economy_en.
[8] In 2026, https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/adaptation-and-resilience-climate-change/european-climate-resilience-and-risk-management-integrated-framework_en.
[9] Adopted in 2025, https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_3151.
[10] https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034_en.