

## “Effort sharing” climate law: MEP Gerbrandy to present draft before year’s end

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**Draft EU legislation on measures to implement the EU 2030 climate targets, including specific emission reduction targets for each EU member state is set to be voted in the Environment Committee in May 2017, as lead MEP Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy (ALDE, NL) plans to publish his draft report before the end of this year.**

The draft legislation is part of the EU's efforts to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. It provides for national targets for greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, waste, agriculture and transport (sectors not covered by the EU emissions trading system, EU ETS).

“We should take advantage of the current momentum on climate action, and set ourselves an ambitious but realistic timeline”, said MEP Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, who is steering the legislation through Parliament.

“The entry into force of the Paris agreement and the recent deals on aviation and industrial gases show that the lines are moving fast on the climate front. But the most challenging work remains ahead of us. We need concrete actions in the buildings, transport, waste and agricultural sectors to deliver on the Paris commitment to keep the global temperature increase within safe limits.”

“We must provide a clear framework for businesses, so that investments can be unleashed”, he added.

“This is a balanced timeline, providing clarity early on, while allowing adequate time to take on board the ambitions and concerns of the political groups, member states, experts and stakeholders. It will also allow us to orchestrate decisions with the ongoing work on the reform of the carbon market and the new rules for land use emissions”, he concluded.

The timeline will be as follows:

- consideration of the draft report: 23/24 January 2017
- deadline for amendments: 1 February 2017
- consideration of amendments: 27/28 February 2017
- committee vote: 29/30 May 2017

*Note to editors*

*In July 2016, the European Commission presented [a proposal for a regulation](#) to limit post-2020 national emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in sectors not covered by the EU emissions trading system (ETS). These include transport, buildings and agriculture.*

# Press release

*The Effort Sharing Regulation (ESR) would set national limits on member*

*states' GHG emissions for the 2021-2030 period in sectors not covered by the EU ETS. It would cover more than half of the GHG emissions in the EU.*

*The proposed regulation would be the successor of the Effort Sharing Decision that sets annual national GHG emission limits for 2013-2020.*

*It is part of the EU's efforts to reduce its GHG emissions by at least 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. This target was set by the European Council in October 2014, and also constitutes the EU's international commitment under the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change.*

## Further information

- Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety:  
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/envi/home.html>
- Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy (ALDE, NL): <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/96940.html>
- EP research: Effort sharing regulation, 2021-2030: limiting member states' carbon emissions:  
[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2016/589799/EPRS\\_BRI%282016%29589799\\_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2016/589799/EPRS_BRI%282016%29589799_EN.pdf)
- Procedure file:  
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2016/0231%28COD%29&l=en>

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