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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Timmermans
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Communication on the European Green Deal¹ clearly sets out that new measures on their own will not be sufficient to achieve the Green Deal's objectives and that there is also a need to step up the EU's efforts to ensure that current legislation and policies are enforced and effectively implemented.

The Governance Regulation² lays down a framework for a strategic Member States' planning and reporting on implementation of national climate policies, thereby allowing monitoring progress of the EU's as a whole towards 2030 climate targets, in line with the commitments under the Paris Agreement.

In the same vein, the legislative proposal for the European Climate Law³ provides for regular assessment of progress towards climate neutrality, and mechanisms in case of insufficient progress towards or inconsistencies with the EU 2050 target.

The Commission provides financial, technical and policy support to Member States to help them identify and fill implementation gaps in key areas, such as zero pollution, circular economy, biodiversity and environmental governance. Where appropriate, the Commission will take infringement action to ensure compliance with the relevant EU legislation.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2019%3A640%3AFIN>

² Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action, amending Regulations (EC) No 663/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Directives 94/22/EC, 98/70/EC, 2009/31/EC, 2009/73/EC, 2010/31/EU, 2012/27/EU and 2013/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 2009/119/EC and (EU) 2015/652 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 328 21.12.2018, p.1).

³ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law) – COM/2020/80 final, as amended by COM/2020/563 final.