

Committee on Industry, Research, and Energy (ITRE)

Preparation Module

The question of a climate-neutral continent

In view of the climate crisis, the EU must become a climate-neutral continent as quickly as possible. Taking that statement into account, the Commission proposed a coordinated withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) by the European Union and its member states, as it considers the Treaty to be no longer compatible with the EU's climate goals under the European Green Deal and the Paris Agreement, predominantly due to concerns over continued fossil fuel investments. How should the EU move from this point forward to truly become a climate-neutral continent while abiding by the European Green Deal and the Paris Agreement's goals?

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Dear Delegates,

This committee has already a lot of previous attempts at making the EU a climate-neutral continent to deal with. Those previous pacts, agreements, and sorts of experiments can become, if known thoroughly, a complete guide for you. All the good choices, the bad, and the unexplored ones lie in those pages. Is withdrawing from an outdated pact the right direction for Europe to take? What specific causes are to be coupled with this withdrawal? And also, thinking long term, how can a new pact be drafted so that in 30 years it hasn't become obsolete itself?

Try and go deeper in studying the economics (fossil fuels, research, partners involved) that revolve around these international agreements. Can you recognize any Missing points from these factors in the agreements the Member states are signing? Would you like to readdress those points and how?

Use the links below to make up your mind about the topic, and form clear, punctual ideas; go deeper anytime you read something that requires analysis.

If something is unclear, please, ask freely,

Your CP

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What's behind the withdrawal from the ECT and how it's also affecting private parties.

<https://www.proskauer.com/blog/exodus-from-the-energy-charter-treaty-what-is-left-of-europes-protections-for-investors#:~:text=After%20Russia's%20withdral%20from%20the,its%20withdrawal%20from%20the%20ECT>

On what grounds is Europe standing right now and how has the withdrawal stopped proceeding?

<https://www.eunews.it/en/2024/03/07/eu-countries-green-light-to-withdrawal-from-energy-charter-treaty/>

The Paris Agreement, an important boundary to our work.

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/paris-agreement>

An introduction to the role and characteristics of the European Green Deal (EGD)

<https://www.eumonitor.eu/9353000/1/j9vvik7m1c3gyxp/vl9tpq5smfs6?ctx=vk4n0xn1wzp>

An in-depth analysis of the (EGD)

https://www.esdn.eu/fileadmin/ESDN_Reports/ESDN_Report_2_2020.pdf

ESG has three pillars, what they are, and how they, Industry, and Carbon Emissions relate to each other. (abstracts and paragraphs 1, 7, and 8 are enough to give you a general review)

<https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/15/8/6685>

Give yourself a little context to work with about economics, international partners, and energy supplies with the following links.

[https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/w/ddn-20240130-2#:~:text=In%202022%2C%20Malta%20\(96.1%25\),%25\)%20had%20shares%20below%2050%25](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/w/ddn-20240130-2#:~:text=In%202022%2C%20Malta%20(96.1%25),%25)%20had%20shares%20below%2050%25)

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/02/europe-record-fall-fossil-fuels-other-energy-stories/>

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/en/analysis/indicators/fossil-fuel-subsidies>

Please note that it is required to turn in a **position paper** before September 30, 23:59 CET by sending it to your CP's emails (see below). A position paper (around 2 pages long) is supposed to expose your view and concerns regarding the topic **as your country representative** as well as some points you consider worth addressing in the resolution. You are welcome to include data you collected during your personal research.



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For any questions feel free to ask, otherwise we will contact you soon.

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