

- Block 1: EU Energy Policy and Objectives
- 1.2 EU Energy efficiency targets and current situation of meeting the targets
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This block is part of a training package developed to provide local authorities with free tuition that may inspire and help them in adopting new technical and financial solutions to implement 'nearly Zero Energy Building' (NZEB) renovation activities in schools.

#### Specify block content:

The block is meant to present: the targets set for 2020 and especially for 2030 by European Union towards energy efficiency, renewable energy and greenhouse gasses emissions; the European policies adopted to meet targets and the different approaches chosen by each Member State; the key factors affecting the grow in energy consumption; the current situation and the progress of meeting the targets by Member States, the risks of not meeting the targets, the needed efforts as well as new policies and additional measures required; the importance of changing citizens' behaviour towards energy efficiency in order to achieve the targets set.

#### Level: beginner

No special knowledge is needed.





## **Learning Objective:**

At the end of this bloc, you will know what targets the EU has set for energy efficiency, renewable energy and emission reduction, it will explain how the trend in energy consumption affects the meeting of the targets, the current situation and the efforts of Member States to achieve these targets.

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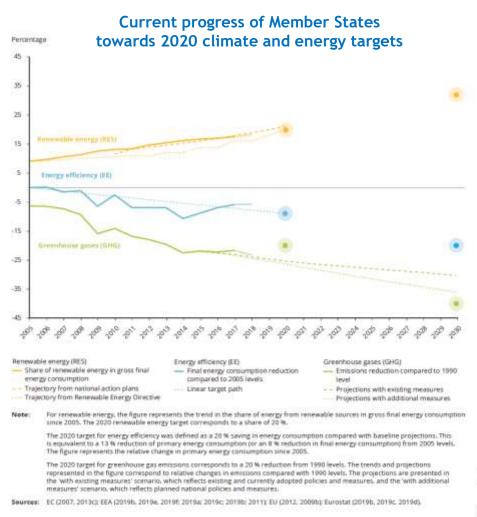
This unit shows the progress of the European Union towards its 2020 energy efficiency targets, renewable energy and greenhouse gasses emissions, the new targets set for 2030, and the current situation at national level for EU Member States.





The EU is currently on track to meet its 20% energy efficiency target for 2020. Recent statistics show, however, that consumption levels are increasing slightly. This increase in energy consumption means that Member States need to make greater efforts to keep the EU on track towards its 2020 target. In general, the 2020 targets appear to be achievable for greenhouse gas **emissions reductions** while they are just within renewable reach for energy developments.

Current efforts by Member States are still insufficient to achieve the EU targets set for 2030 too. Therefore, a further change will be needed for the EU and its Member States to achieve their long-term objectives until 2050 (EEA Report No 15/2019).







Planning and preparation for achieving the 2030 targets is currently underway, with Member States indicating the **new policies and measures** that will deliver on greenhouse gas reductions, renewable energy and energy efficiency in the mid-term.

Specifically, European Member States are planning how to collectively achieve:

- at least a 40% reduction in domestic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (compared with 1990 levels), with binding annual GHG emission reduction targets for EU Member States from 2021 to 2030 for the sectors not covered by the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS);
- □ an increase in the share of renewable energy sources (RES) in the EU to at least 32 % of gross final energy consumption by 2030;
- at least a **32.5% improvement in energy efficiency** in 2030 at EU level (compared with the Commission's 2007 Energy Baseline Scenario).

# Projected progress of Member States towards 2030 climate targets

Gap to 2030 Effort Sharing target with existing measures (in percentage points of ESD 2005 base-year emissions) III. On track





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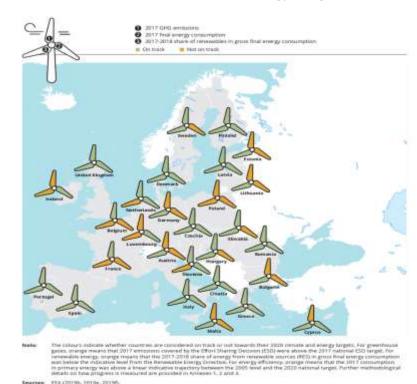


#### At the national level, current progress is more contrasting

Some Member States have already reduced their emissions to levels below their 2020 target, while for others, the gaps between observed emissions and national targets are widening. In 2017, 18 Member States had greenhouse gas emissions levels at or below their respective annual Effort Sharing targets, while in 2018, this fell to 17 Member States.

According to the projections submitted by Member States in 2019, only 3 Member States (Greece, Portugal and Sweden) expect that their current policies and measures will be sufficient to deliver their 2030 Effort Sharing targets on time. An additional 6 Member States (Belgium, Croatia, France, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia and Spain) plan to implement additional policies and measures that will help ensure they achieve their 2030 Effort Sharing targets. The remaining 18 Member States have not yet indicated in their reported projections how they intend to achieve their Effort Sharing targets.

# Current progress of Member States towards 2020 climate and energy targets







Energy Efficiency: risk that 2020 and 2030 targets will not be met

#### 1.2.2 Objective

In this unit we will deal with the factors affecting the growth in final energy consumption and the risks for the EU of not reaching the 2020 energy efficiency target due to the upward trend in consumption and the need to reverse this trend.

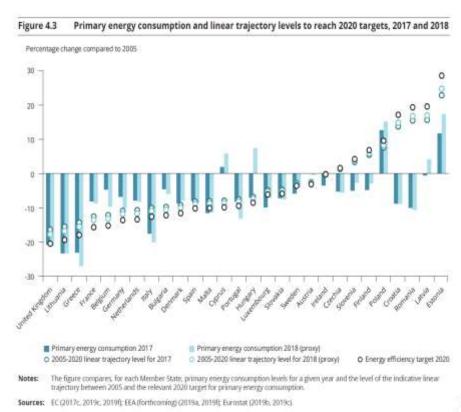




In the area of energy efficiency, targets are expressed in terms of both primary and final energy consumption.

Unless the recent increasing trend in final energy consumption is reversed very soon, and the decline in primary energy consumption shown in initial indications accelerates, the **EU risks missing its 2020 energy efficiency target** of a 20% reduction from baseline energy consumption levels in 2020.

A number of factors are at play in the rising energy consumption, the greatest increases have been observed in energy consumption in buildings, which rose by 8.3% between 2014 and 2017, and in transport, which rose by 5.8% in the same period. Additional factors, such as lower fuel prices and weather conditions, have also affected energy consumption trends in recent years.







What we need to reach 2030 target

#### 1.2.3 Objective

This unit summarises the annual reduction rates of EU energy consumption over the decade 2020-2030 to reach the 2030 energy efficiency target and the efforts needed to achieve these targets to be adopted by Member States as well as new policies and additional measures.



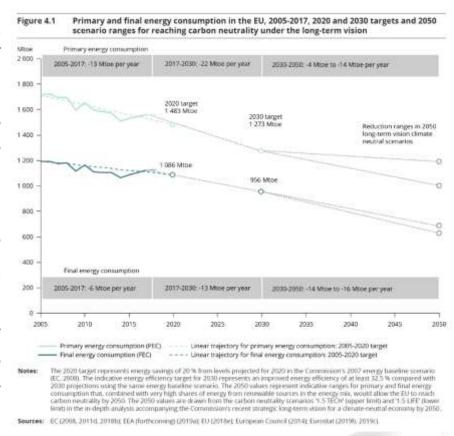


To meet the 2030 target for energy consumption reductions of at least 32.5%, annual reductions in EU energy consumption over the next decade will have to be more than double the average rate of reductions observed between 2005 and 2017.

Primary energy consumption across the EU has fallen by an average of 13 Mtoe per year since 2005 and final energy consumption has fallen by 6 Mtoe over the same period.

However, to meet the 2030 target annual average savings of 22 Mtoe and 13 Mtoe, respectively, will be required from 2017 until 2030.

To reverse the trends in growing energy consumption and achieve the sustained pace required for the EU to meet its 2030 energy efficiency targets, Member States will need to adopt new policies and implement additional measures to those in place today.





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Member States' progress

#### 1.2.4 Objective

This unit briefly shows the EU Member States' progress to targets set on greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy and energy efficiency.





Despite overall energy efficiency developments and the risk of missing the 2020 energy efficiency target at EU level, a number of Member States have demonstrated notable progress in this area.

In the context of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), Member States have set their own national non-binding energy efficiency targets for 2020, and 20 of them seek to achieve reductions in their total final energy consumption.

However, in 2017, 12 Member States had levels of energy consumption that **exceeded a linear trajectory from 2005 levels** to their national 2020 targets.

Table ES.1 Member States' progress to targets on greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy and energy efficiency

Member State	Greenhouse gas emissions				Renewable energy		Energy efficiency	
	Sap to ESD emission target (2017)	Gap to ESD emission target (2016)	Gap to 2020 ESD target (WEM)	Gap to 2038 ESD target (WEM)	Gap to 2017- 2016 of RED trajectory (2017 RES shere)	Sap to 2017- 2018 of RSD trajectory (2018 RBS share)	Gap to 2017 FEC indicative linear (2017)	Gap to 2018 FEC Indicative Novar (2018)
	Percentage points (share of 2005 base-year emissions)				Percentage points (share of renewable energy in gross final energy consumption)		Percentage points (share of 2005 final energy consumption)	
Austria	3.8	-3.8	-53	-282	2.3	2.6	-10.2	-8.8
Reigium	2.1	-0.4	45	-21,7	-0.2	0.1	-7.5	-0.4
Bulgaria	2.9	-8.0	5.0	-6.1	5.0	5.0	-8.4	-11.0
Croatie	11.6	9.7	19.2	-1.2	9.9	10.3	1,2	2.0
Cyprus	11.0	-1.5	4.9	-24.8	0.4	6.5	2.8	2.6
Czech Republic	4.6	2.9	6.5	-1.5	4.2	4.3	0.1	1.1
Denmark	5.2	3.6	0.5	16.2	10,3	11.0	0.2	-0.2
Estonia	-5.1	-8.9	1.8	-24.6	6.7	5.5	-0.5	1.7
Finland	0.3	14.2	-1.8	-15.5	6.3	7.1	4.3	4.6
France	1.4	2.5	-0.7	-13.3	-2.3	4.2	-7.4	-4.9
Germany	-7.3	-3.4	384	-16.2	1.7	2.9	4.1	14.9
Greece	21.9	29.3	21.0	9.1	2.8	2.9	10.8	9.3
Hungary	14.6	15.9	20.3	-3.0	5.4	3.7	17.3	-21.2
Ireland	6.3	11.8	14.7	-23.5	-0.8	-0.4	7.8	2.5
Italy	8.4	6.3	6.6	463	5.4	4.7	8.4	8.7
Latria	5.7	7.4	10.4	-2.0	1.6	2.8	9.0	6.5
Othuania	4.1	2.3	8.8	-14.0	3.6	4.1	21.2	-25.2
Lusembourg	4.1	-5.5	6.2	25.3	-0.5	3.4	2.3	0.9
Malta	-32.8	-26.8	-26.5	-61.7	0.7	1.0	-5.5	-7.5
Netherlands	0.2	7.8	10,4	-3.6	-3.3	44	4.1	4.3
Polend:	4.4	-0.0	-0.2	29.9	-8.4	-5.8	-6.3	4.2
Portugal	15.9	15.5	24.7	262	0.8	0.6	6.1	6.2
Romania	11.5	15.5	17.6	123	2.6	3.0	24.3	25.0
Słovakia	16.5	14.9	19.7	-5.4	0.0	0.2	-13.0	-18.7
Sibyenia	11.2	10.6	13.3	-62	-4.3	9.0	4.3	.6.1
Spain	7.3	5.8	4.1	-6.7	1.3	1.2	5.2	2.3
Sweden	12.1	10.4	15.8	0.1	6.7	11.2	4.1	13.4
United Kingdom	8.8	6.7	10.7	-4.9	0.0	0.9	0.4	4.8

Sources: EC (2007, 2013c); EEA (2019b, 2019e, 2019c; 2019c





European policies to meet targets

#### 1.2.5 Objective

This unit highlights the importance of the Energy Efficiency Directive as a common framework of measures for promoting energy efficiency within the EU and requires Member States to set indicative national energy efficiency targets, the role of Task Force created to discuss the growing energy consumption trends and identify possible solutions to put the EU back on track to achieving the targets.





One of the key developments in the **energy efficiency policy framework** was the adoption of the **EED** in 2012, which was updated in 2018.

The EED establishes a common framework of measures for **promoting energy efficiency** within the EU and aims to help remove barriers and overcome market failures that impede efficiency in the supply and use of energy.

- ✓ Under Article 3 of the EED, Member States have to set their own indicative national energy efficiency targets for 2020 as well as for 2030. Depending on Country preferences, these targets are based on primary or final energy consumption, primary or final energy savings, or energy intensity.
- ✓ In some Member States, the targets may still be subject to change in the coming years.
- ✓ Related to the 2030 targets, the revised EED 2018 asks Member States not only to set indicative national energy efficiency contributions towards the EU's 2030 targets but also to set an indicative trajectory for primary and final energy consumption for that contribution from 2021 onwards.





The Task Force set up by the European Commission was identified a set of solutions as way forward.

- ✓ Firstly, it is necessary to ensure full implementation of the existing legislation, as there have been delays in transposing and implementing both the Energy Efficiency and Energy Performance of Buildings Directives. This includes full achievement of the energy savings obligation under Article 7 and meeting the requirement to carry out regular inspections under Article 14 e 15 of the EPBD.
- ✓ Furthermore, it is important to make full use of the remaining funding opportunities under the European Structural and Investment Funds and to implement additional measures at national level.

The European Commission also has initiated the process to strengthen Member States' market surveillance of product efficiency requirements. It also aims to help Member States to build capacity for promoting building renovation in the public sector, including through the use of energy service contracting.

Numerous other actions have been taken in the **transports and buildings sectors** to increase the energy performance and reducing energy consumption.





National policies to meet targets

#### 1.2.6 Objective

This unit presents the the different approaches chosen by Member States for setting national targets reflecting the specific situation of each State with very different levels of ambition, the need to step up efforts to achieve the 2020 and especially 2030 targets and the impact of efforts to improve energy efficiency for European citizens.





Member States also chose different approaches for setting national targets, based on primary or final energy consumption, primary or final energy savings or energy intensity.

**Each national target reflects the specific situation of the Member State** that adopted it. Consequently, ambition levels vary greatly.

- ✓ Compared with 2005 levels, currently 18 Member States have aimed to reduce final and primary energy consumption; however, 5 Member States' targets indicate an increase in final and primary energy consumption.
- ✓ 5 other Member States intend to keep the potential increase in either primary or final energy consumption to a certain limit over the period 2005-2020.

In this context, it has become clear that there is a need to step up efforts not only to reach the 2020 targets but also to set the right basis for the subsequent decade (2030) when an even higher level of ambition will be required.

Additional efforts to improve energy efficiency would also have complementary benefits, such as lower energy bills, better health (through improved air quality), more comfort and less energy poverty.





Conclusions

#### 1.2.7 Objective

This unit summarises the main concepts discussed in the previous units and underlines the central role of European citizens' behavioural change towards energy efficiency in order to achieve the targets set.







A great effort is required from all European Countries to respect and to achieve the 2020 and 2030 targets, but the effort is also required to citizens who, by implementing appropriate behaviors, can help to cut energy consumption.

Therefore, in addition to the actions undertaken by the European Commission, it is necessary to push on the **behavioral change** of each end user in order to achieve the set objectives.







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## SELECTED RESOURCES



#### Selected resources

### EU 2020 target for energy efficiency

European Commission webpage on EU 2020 targets for energy efficiency, national targets, progress towards 2020 targets, European Task Force and other measures.

- Progress of the European Union towards its 2020 energy efficiency targets
   European Environment Agency webpage on current progress in reducing energy consumption, progress towards the European Union's 2020 energy efficiency target, the 2030 targets on energy efficiency in the context of Energy Union.
- Climate strategies & targets
   European Commission webpage on key climate and energy targets.
- Trends and projections in Europe 2019
   Tracking progress towards Europe's climate and energy targets (EEA Report No 15/2019)
- <u>Drivers of recent energy consumption trends across sectors in EU28</u>
   Energy Consumption Trends Workshop Report
- Assessment progress on energy efficiency targets Report 2018
   European Commission report on the progress made by Member States towards the national energy efficiency targets for 2020 and towards the implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive





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Recent statistics show that energy consumption levels in Europe are:

- A are increasing considerably
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### 1.2.1 European strategy about Energy Efficiency

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On average, EU Member States' past efforts delivered emissions reductions in the order of 46 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>e per year between 1990 and 2017. Since 2005, average reductions:

- have been lower than the previous years and this will not allow the targets to be met
- B have risen to 1.000 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>e per year
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- at least a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (compared with 1990 levels)
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1.2.2 Energy Efficiency: risk that 2020 and 2030 targets will not be met

Question 6

The factors that most affect the increasing consumption of energy:

- the greatest increases have been observed in energy consumption in buildings
- higher fuel prices have not influenced the trend in energy consumption in recent years
- final energy consumption trends does not depend on weather conditions and fuel price trends





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the EU will be able to meet its 2020 energy efficiency target of a 20% reduction from baseline energy consumption levels in 2020:

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- B delayed implementation of energy efficiency policies within Member States
- lack of funding for energy efficiency policies does not lead to growth in energy consumption





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The European Member States:

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Compared with 2005 levels:

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