

# MONITORING ESG

Fit for 55

Voting in the European Parliament

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The role of carbon sinks in EU climate policy is more important now than ever in our pathway towards carbon neutrality. How we use land must be climate smart and this applies to agriculture, the restoration of degraded lands, and forest management. The position adopted today by the European Parliament improves the Commission's LULUCF proposal consistently promoting better land use for nature and biodiversity. With today's vote, we encourage the EU and its member states to step up and support incentives for farmers and forest owners to take action for sustainable solutions in agriculture and forestry.»

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# FIT FOR 55 – THE ETS-VOTING

## Fit for 55: Parliament agrees to higher EU carbon sink ambitions by 2030

“MEPs support the Commission’s proposal that the EU 2030 target for net greenhouse gas removals in LULUCF should be at least 310 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent. Such an increase would de facto raise the EU’s 2030 GHG reduction target to 57%, as the contribution of net removals to the 2030 55% GHG reduction target was limited to 225 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent in the [EU Climate Law as proposed by the European Parliament](#). It would also be beneficial in improving biodiversity and reforestation.”

8 June 2022 – European Parliament [Link](#)

## Chaos erupts at the European Parliament as three key climate laws are postponed

“Chaos erupted in the European Parliament on Wednesday as the scheduled votes on three key climate laws were postponed over last-minute political disagreements. The trouble began with a vote to reform the EU’s Emissions Trading System (ETS), a well-established scheme that sets a price for the greenhouse gas emissions released by the most energy-intensive industries. The ETS is considered a key tool to gradually decrease the burning of fossil fuels and encourage the deployment of renewable energy.”

8 June 2022 – Euronews [Link](#)

## Divided Parliament votes down EU carbon market reform

“Lawmakers on the left and right wings of the Hemicycle traded accusations on Wednesday (8 June) as the European Parliament voted to reject a proposed reform of the EU carbon market, the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). Parties on the far-right and the far-left, as well as the Greens and Social Democrats, formed an unlikely alliance on Wednesday by rejecting the proposed overhaul. It was rejected by a clear majority, with 340 votes against and 265 in favour, with 34 abstentions. Initially tabled in July last year, the reform of the EU’s carbon market will now be sent back to the European Parliament’s environment committee, which will attempt to forge a new compromise.”

8 June 2022 – Euractiv [Link](#)

## “Fit for 55” package risks European socio-economic cohesion without supporting measures, independent study shows

“An independent report has been made public which analyses, for the first time, the cumulative impact of the EU “Fit for 55” proposals on the airport industry. This report, commissioned by ACI Europe and undertaken by Oxera, is designed to inform the analysis of this crucially important legislative package for the decarbonisation of aviation, which has been tabled by the European Commission without a comprehensive assessment of its impact on the aviation sector.”

9 June 2022 – Travel Daily News [Link](#)

## “Bad Day for EU Parliament”: Three Key Climate Laws Rejected

“Three key legislation proposals of the EU’s “Fit for 55” package failed to pass the European Parliament vote on Wednesday, June 8.

Part of the European Commission’s [European Green Deal](#), “Fit for 55” aims to bring EU legislation in line with the new goal of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030. It is essentially a set of proposals to revise and update current EU legislation and put in place new initiatives to ensure that EU policies are in line with the climate goals agreed by the Council and the European Parliament.”

9 June 2022 – The Impakter [Link](#)

## Fit for 55: Environment Committee to work on way forward on carbon-pricing laws

“As MEPs rejected the report on the revision of the EU Emissions Trading System, three draft laws, part of the Fit For 55 package, are on hold pending political agreement. Draft legislation on the [Emissions Trading System \(ETS\) reform](#) was referred back to committee after Parliament rejected the report by 340 votes to 265, with 34 abstentions. ([Rule 59 \(4\) of the Rules of Procedure \(RoP\)](#).”

8 June 2022 – European Parliament [Link](#)

## Voting day: EU emission cutting plans suffer setback as MEPs reject carbon market reforms

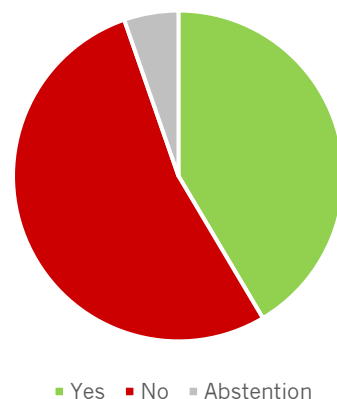
“Plans to reform the European Union’s (EU) carbon market were dealt a blow by European lawmakers, after MEPs rejected the proposal and sent it back to a parliament committee for a redraft.

The result scuppers an attempt on Wednesday to confirm the EU assembly’s position for upcoming negotiations on final carbon market reforms, as lawmakers splintered over whether to strengthen or weaken the plans.

Europe’s carbon market is the EU’s main policy for cutting CO2 emissions driving climate change.”

8 June 2022 – City A.M. [Link](#)

EU's Emissions Trading System (ETS)



# FIT FOR 55 – GAS/DIESEL CAR SALE BAN

## Fit for 55: MEPs back objective of zero emissions for cars and vans in 2035

“Parliament supports revised CO2 emissions standards for new passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, part of the “Fit for 55 in 2030” package.

In a plenary vote on Wednesday, MEPs adopted their position on proposed rules to revise the CO2 emissions performance standards for new cars and vans with 339 votes in favour, 249 against and 24 abstentions.

With the adopted text, which constitutes Parliament’s position to negotiate with member states, MEPs support the Commission proposal to reach zero-emission road mobility by 2035 (an EU fleet-wide target to reduce the emissions produced by new passenger cars and light commercial vehicles by 100% compared to 2021). Intermediate emissions reduction targets for 2030 would be set at 55% for cars and 50% for vans.”

8 June 2022 – European Parliament [Link](#)

## EU Votes To Uphold Gas/Diesel Car Sale Ban From 2035 On

“The green strategy was widely discussed and some of the largest economies in the European Union were not particularly happy with the planned sales ban. However, just earlier this week, lawmakers in the EU voted to uphold the ICE ban from the middle of the next decade. The final shape of the law will be discussed with member states later this year, though it is already known that the plan is for the automakers to reduce the CO2 emissions of their fleets by 100 percent by 2035.”

12 June 2022 – Inside Evs [Link](#)

## The ICE ban cometh

“But from a transport perspective, the biggest news was undoubtedly the Parliament throwing its weight behind a ban on selling new petrol and diesel cars from 2035.

It is a momentous decision that, if passed into law, effectively puts an end to the defining automotive technology of the last century – the internal combustion engine.

Environmentally-minded MEPs were, of course overjoyed by the result. “100 per cent zero-emission cars in 2035! I strongly welcome the vote on CO2 standards. This position of the European Parliament is an important victory and consistent with our objective of climate neutrality,” tweeted French lawmaker Pascal Canfin.”

14 June 2022 – Euractiv [Link](#)

## German car industry slams EU parliament’s 2035 ban on petrol, diesel cars

“German car associations were up in arms following a decision by the European Parliament to support a de facto ban on the sale of new combustion engine cars as of 2035, saying it was too ambitious and costly, and going against the market and citizens.

The ban on the sale of cars running on petrol and diesel is a pivotal part of the European Commission’s long-term policy goal of becoming climate neutral in 2050. Previously, the transport sector had been one of the bloc’s climate laggards.”

9 June 2022 – Euractiv [Link](#)

## EU Parliament backs 2035 end date for combustion engine cars

“The European Parliament has voted to set a 2035 deadline for zero-emissions cars and vans – a significant step forward for climate action, air quality and the affordability of electric vehicles. Green group Transport & Environment called on EU environment ministers to confirm the effective end date for sales of new combustion engines when they meet on June 28.

Alex Keynes, clean vehicles manager at T&E, said: “The deadline means the last fossil fuel cars will be sold by 2035, giving us a fighting chance of averting runaway climate change.(...)”

8 June 2022 – T&E [Link](#)

## Auto industry calls EU 2035 emissions target ‘premature’

“The European Automobile Manufacturers’ Association (ACEA) says it’s premature to set any long-term regulation beyond 2030, following the European Parliament vote on CO2 emissions for cars and vans.

Members of the European Parliaments (MEPs) voted on 9 June to maintain the European Commission’s proposal for 2025 and 2030 targets, as some rejected calls for a higher 2030 goal and higher targets in the 2020s. They backed the 2035 phase-out deadline for ICE cars and vans, Kallanish reports.”

10 June 2022 – Kallanish [Link](#)

## Ford, Volvo To EU: Make All Cars & Vans Zero Emissions From 2035!

“A broad cross-industry coalition including [Ford of Europe](#) and [Volvo Cars](#) are appealing to the EU to ensure all new cars and vans in Europe are zero emission from 2035 and to establish mandatory charging infrastructure targets.

They say the deadline for new fossil fuel engines is needed to ensure the last cars and vans powered by internal combustion engines are off the road by 2050 — when Europe is required to reach net zero emissions. The vehicle manufacturers, which together sold around 800,000 cars in Europe last year, appealed to EU lawmakers in a joint letter today signed with 26 other companies which represent a wide range of industries [1].”

18 May 2022 – Clean Technica [Link](#)

## IATA Concerned About EU’s Proposed Amendments for Fit for 55 Package

“The European Union Parliament’s decision to adopt the proposed amendments to the Fit for 55 revision of the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS) that would further expand the scope of the EU ETS in order to include all flights departures from the European Economic Area (EEA) from 2024 has raised concerns among the International Air Transport Association (IATA).”

10 June 2022 – schengenvisa [Link](#)

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