

Comments from Aditya Sharma on

GREEN PAPER : A 2030 framework for climate and energy policies
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Paragraph 4.2: Targets

Query:

Which targets for 2030 would be most effective in driving the objectives of climate and energy policy? At what level should they apply (EU, Member States, or sectoral), and to what extent should they be legally binding?

Suggested measures:

The basic framework for motivating the reduction in GHG emission should be revised. Private sector industrial organisations, often feel too much has been expected of them while other sectors continue high level of GHG emissions.

To address this, within each member state, there should be two distinct tracks to measure the extent of GHG Emission - Government and the Private Sector.

Government sector should motivate others by demonstrating rapid progress on the target set for them.

Paragraph 4.3: Instruments

Query:

Are changes necessary to other policy instruments and how they interact with one another, including between the EU and national levels?

Suggested measures:

The current norm for reporting GHG emission is non-transparent about emission from military activities. Any GHG emission from industrial activities which are intended to improve standard of living for mankind in general should be reported separately from military activities except rescue operations during calamities.

Once such a classification has been done, different weightage should be assigned to reduce GHG emission from military footprint and the footprint to sustain mankind.

Paragraph 4.4: 4.5. Capacity and distributional aspects

Query:

What mechanisms can be envisaged to promote cooperation and a fair effort sharing between Member States whilst seeking the most cost-effective delivery of new climate and energy objectives?

Suggested measures:

Currently, member countries are not legally bound to meet the targets. There is no international agreement either.

An incentive structure should be put in place to award 'Green Star' rating to member countries achieving the common milestones. The incentive structure should mandate each member country to do at least x% of trade with the member country which demonstrate Y number of Green Stars or above. In a matter of time these ratings could become a matter of national pride will spur the governments to go for higher ones.

The author will appreciate to receive a formal note acknowledging the suggestions which have been considered for the final paper.

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