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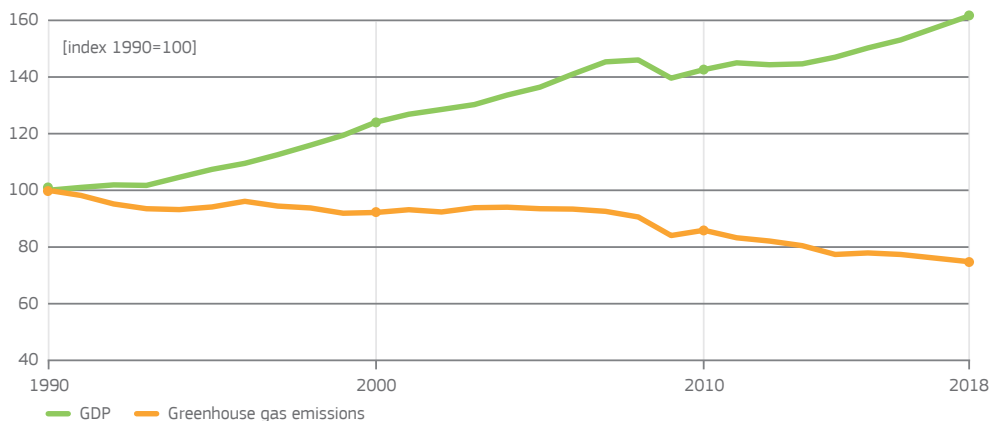
# The EU's track record on climate action

## The European Green Deal

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#EUGreenDeal

The EU is already making progress on tackling climate change. It has started to modernise the economy while reducing emissions. But much remains to be done.

Between 1990 and 2018, greenhouse gas emissions **decreased by 23%**, while the economy **grew by 61%**.



**EU GDP up 61%**  
1990-2018

**Greenhouse Gas Emissions down 23%**  
1990-2018

The progress made brings concrete benefits to people, for example:



➤ **Energy labels** help consumers choose products which are more energy efficient;

European households save on average

**150 EUR / YEAR**

through a more eco-friendly design of products

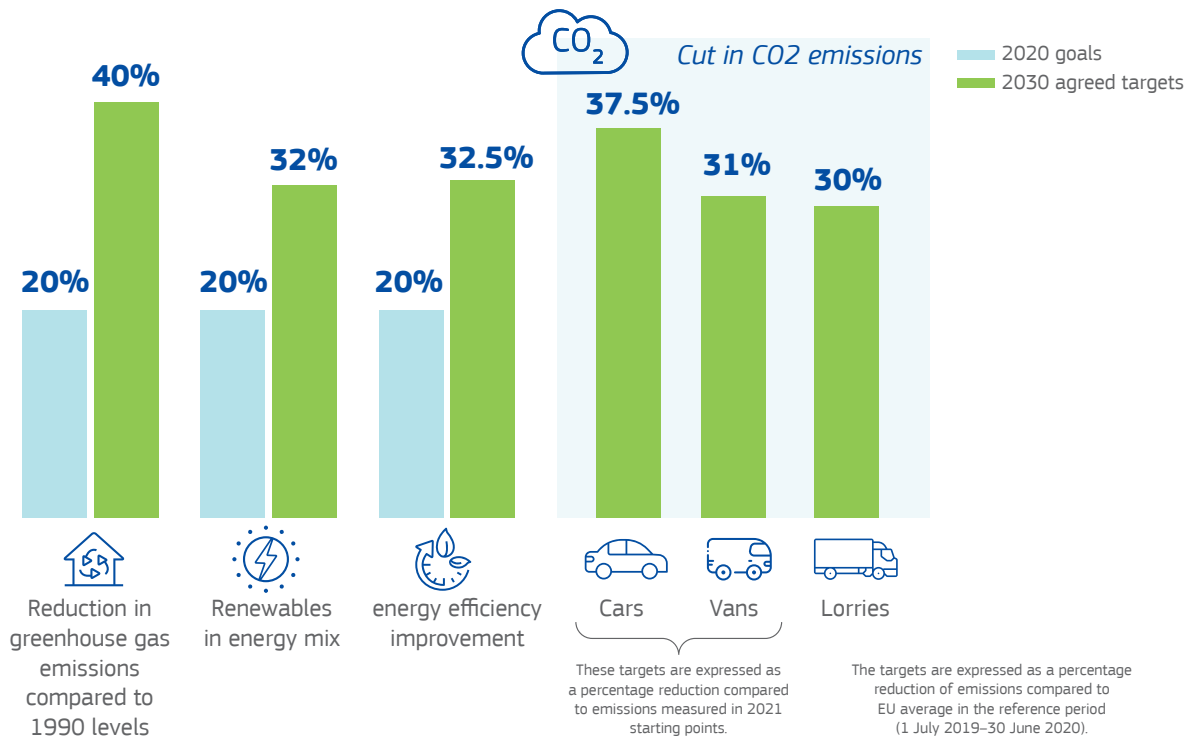




➤ Newly adopted EU rules will reduce the use of single use plastics which make up **70%** of litter found on European beaches.

## The EU is a global leader in the fight against climate change.

Targets to fulfill EU's commitments under the Paris Agreement



The EU is the only major economy of the world to have put in place legislation covering all sectors of the economy to cut greenhouse gas emissions, in line with the Paris Agreement.

The signing ceremony of the Paris Agreement

