

# Achieving Europe's 2040 climate target

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## Key Message 1

**Material resource use: Pursue a reduction in material demand and associated climate impact through a new dedicated EU law.**

**We need to radically transform the way materials are used to meet our needs.**

Introduction of an **EU Resource Law** including:

- A legally binding headline target to reduce material resource consumption;
- Material- and/or sector-specific targets;
- Indicators to measure progress;
- Establishment of an independent scientific advisory body focused on material resources;
- MSs to develop national plans on how they intend to achieve the material resource consumption reduction targets;
- An implementation mechanism.



## Climate policy and socio-economic impacts

### Key Message 2

**Pursue synergies and manage trade-offs between climate and social policies for efficacy and public support.**

- Climate change mitigation, health, and wellbeing are inextricably interlinked.
- Acknowledge and reinforce the link in NDCs and build synergies in national plans for resilience, adaptation, and disaster risk reduction.
- To build political and **social acceptability** of climate and energy policies, it is imperative to acknowledge and address potential negative social impacts while emphasizing the positive social impacts and underscoring the **costs of inaction**.





## Key Message 3

# Getting the prices right: Make the Polluter Pay

**Promote the implementation of EU-level policies to make the polluter pay.**

Carefully designed climate mitigation policies serve as a dual-purpose tool to **reach social goals, while mitigating the climate crisis** in a socially acceptable manner.

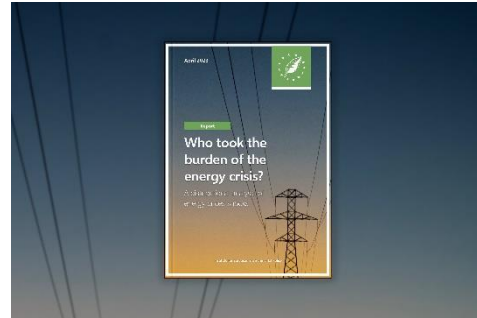
Key actions:

- Implement different taxation measures in the aviation sector;
- Require MSs to design electricity tax rates to benefit lower-income households most;
- Ensure that MSs can make use of energy tax exemptions for households at risk of poverty;
- End tax exemptions or reductions that likely disproportionately benefit higher income households and men;
- Encourage MSs to recycle additional revenues from the ETD reform to benefit lower-income households, using the European Semester process for oversight.

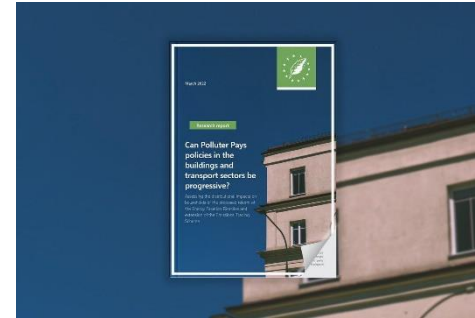
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**Making the case for  
an EU resources law**



**Who took the  
Burden of Energy  
prices?**



**Can Polluter Pays  
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**Can Polluter Pays  
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