

Voting recommendations concerning MEP Jytte Guteland's report on a European Climate Law

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Dear Member of the European Parliament,

Ahead of the upcoming ENVI Committee vote concerning MEP J. Guteland's report on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on a European Climate Law, the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) would like to provide an assessment of the amendments tabled. We believe that ENVI Committee should set the most ambitious baseline to send a strong political message to the plenary in October.

The European Climate Law must include some fundamental elements to ensure that Europe and its Member States will reach climate neutrality as soon as possible and before 2050. These include increasing the short-term GHG target ambition (2030) to at least 65% and tackling all emissions at source while aiming to zero pollution through effective governance and a comprehensive and consistent policy framework.

EEB asks you to support all Compromise Amendments, except CA 2B

To this end, it is crucial to explicitly address the considerable climate impact of the agricultural sector in the climate law. The sector is responsible for more than 10% of total EU emissions, and measures to reduce agricultural emissions often have positive effects on other important aspects such as climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation and water and air pollution reduction. Furthermore, more than 40% of climate spending in the new MFF is envisioned to be delivered through the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), which proves unable to deliver on this in its current form.

Therefore, we ask you to support AMs 509, 522, 524 (on targets for methane, nitrous oxide and CO2 emissions). These amendments cannot be voted if CA 2B is approved.

In addition to issues dealt with in the Compromise Amendments, we would like to stress the importance of establishing **EU roadmaps for each economic sectors** (energy system, industry, transport, buildings, agriculture, waste and LULUCF), including binding decarbonization milestones.

Sectoral roadmaps must be defined by the European Commission and be supported by a comprehensive legislative framework that will enable further emission reductions in each economic sector, while preventing harm to the environment ("do no harm" principle) and delivering on the zero pollution ambition set in the European Green Deal. The European Commission should set criteria and a guidance for Member States to assess efforts at national level and facilitate policy choices, with a view to ensure a level playing field.

Therefore, we ask you to support AM 756. Should AM 756 be rejected, we ask you to support AM 518.