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Foreword

Informing the process of raising climate ambition

Published annually since 2005, the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) is an independent monitoring tool for tracking countries' climate protection performance. It aims to enhance transparency in international climate politics and enables comparison of climate protection efforts and progress made by individual countries.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting need for economic recovery have brought the world to a crossroads: A return to the status quo and a bail-out of fossil fuels could lead to even higher Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emis-

sions than were predicted for 2030. Alternatively, the trillions made available worldwide could be used for green alternatives, which could not only reduce emissions in the long run but also boost the economy. It remains to be seen, which path countries will choose. During the last quarter of the year, several major economies have pledged to increase their climate ambitions for reaching net-zero GHG emissions. Hopefully, this development will bring a ripple-effect among countries, sparking muchneeded commitment to our common goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C.



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through the continued support and contributions of around 400 climate and energy experts. We express our gratitude to these experts and greatly appreciate their time, efforts and knowledge in contributing to this publication.*

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1. About the CCPI

Country coverage: covering more than 90% of global GHG emissions

On the basis of standardised criteria, the CCPI currently evaluates and compares the climate protection performance of 57 countries and of the European Union (EU), which are together responsible for more than 90% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The last country to be added was Chile for the CCPI 2020.

Methodological approach and data sources

The CCPI assesses countries' performance in four categories:



"GHG Emissions" (40% of overall score),



"Renewable Energy" (20% of overall score),



'Energy Use" (20% of overall score) and



"Climate Policy" (20% of overall score).

Aiming to provide a comprehensive and balanced evaluation of the diverse countries evaluated, a total of 14 indicators are taken into account (see figure below). Around 80% of the assessment of countries' performance is based on quantitative data taken from the International Energy Agency (IEA), PRIMAP, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the national GHG inventories (submitted to the UNFCCC).1 The categories "GHG Emissions", "Renewable Energy" and "Energy Use" are each defined by four indicators: (1) Current Level; (2) Past Trend;² (3) wellbelow 2°C Compatibility of the Current Level; and (4) wellbelow 2°C Compatibility of the Countries' 2030 Target. The remaining 20% of the assessment is based on the globally unique climate policy section of the CCPI. The index category "Climate Policy" considers the fact that climate protection measures taken by governments often take several years to have an effect on the emissions, renewable energy and energy use indicators. This category thereby covers the most recent developments in national climate policy frameworks, which are otherwise not projected in the quantitative data. This category's indicators are (1) National Climate Policy and (2) International Climate Policy, and the qualitative data for these is assessed annually in a comprehensive research study. Its basis is the performance rating provided by climate and energy policy experts from non-governmental organisations (NGOs), universities and think tanks within the countries that are evaluated.3

Compatibility of countries' performance with well-below-2°C pathway and NDC analysis

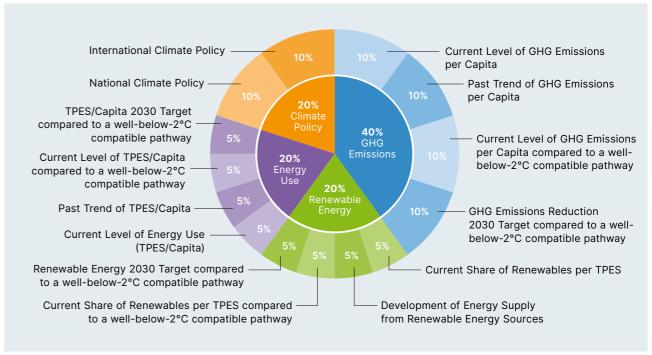
In 2017, the methodology of the CCPI was revised to fully incorporate the 2015 Paris Agreement, a milestone in international climate negotiations with the goal to limit global warming to well below 2°C or even to 1.5°C. Since then. the CCPI includes an assessment of the well-below 2°C compatibility of countries' current performances and their own targets (as formulated in their Nationally Determined Contributions, or NDCs). Within the quantitative index categories – "GHG Emissions", "Renewable Energy" and "Energy Use" – current performance and the respective 2030 target are evaluated in relation to their country-specific wellbelow-2°C pathway. For the well-below-2°C pathways, ambitious benchmarks are set for each category, guided by the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement. The three benchmarks are: nearly zero GHG emissions (taking into account country-specific pathways, which give developing countries more time to reach this goal); 100% energy from renewable sources; and keeping to today's average global energy use per capita levels and not increasing beyond. The CCPI compares where countries actually are today with where they should be to meet the ambitious benchmarks. Following a similar logic, the CCPI evaluates the countries' own 2030 targets by comparing these to the same benchmarks

Interpretation of results

In interpreting the results, it is important to note that the CCPI is calculated using production-based emissions only. Thereby the CCPI follows the currently prevailing method of accounting for national emissions and the logic that the nation producing the emissions is also the one held accountable for them. Further, it is important to note that more than half of the CCPI ranking indicators are qualified in relative terms (better/worse) rather than absolute. Therefore even those countries with high rankings have no reason to sit back and relax. On the contrary, the results illustrate that even if all countries were as committed as the current frontrunners, efforts would still not be sufficient to prevent dangerous climate change.

→ More detailed information on the CCPI methodology and its calculation can be found in the "Background and Methodology" brochure, available for download at: www.ccpi.org

Components of the CCPI



GHG = Greenhouse Gases | TPES = Total Primary Energy Supply

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Disclaimer on comparability to previous CCPI editions

The CCPI 2021 (for 57 selected countries and the EU) is based on the methodological design introduced in 2017 covering all greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions* and evaluates the 2030 targets and the well-below-2°C compatibility of countries' current levels and targets in the categories "GHG Emissions", "Renewable Energies" and "Energy Use". Therefore, there is only limited comparability between this year's results and versions of the index prior to the CCPI

2018. However, this year's results are comparable to the CCPI G20 Edition as well as to the CCPI 2018 to CCPI 2020. Please note that there have been slight methodological changes compared to last year's edition. In the categories "GHG emissions" and "Energy Use" the 2030 target indicators are now calculated using an absolute difference to the 2°C-pathway rather than a relative difference.

Disclaimer - Data from before Covid-19

The CCPI 2021 uses data from 2018 and thus does not take into account the most recent developments and effects caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, some questions on the Covid-19 recovery were included in the expert survey on climate policy. Regarding the results from

this survey, please see the blog on Covid 19 and Green Recovery on our website (www.ccpi.org) where you can find further information on the impact of the crisis and the recovery from it.

Disclaimer on maps

The depictions of territorial boundaries on maps displayed in the CCPI do not imply a political opinion or judgement on the legal status of any state territory.

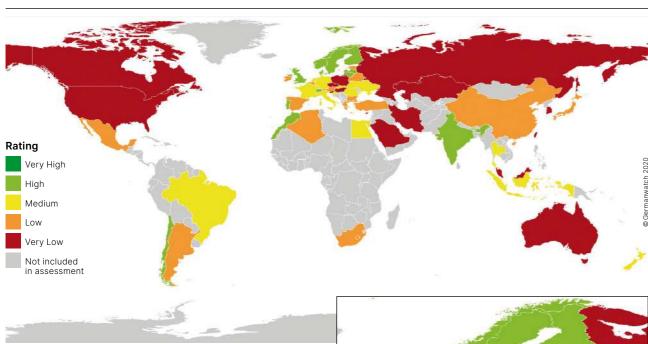
The state boundaries shown are aligned with the official stance of the United Nations (UN) on said matter.

We apologize if any names used/borders depicted are in conflict with your national identity or your general beliefs. We would like to point out that the CCPI, focusing solely on the global goal of climate protection, in no way intends to spark geopolitical controversy.

^{*} All Kyoto gases (CO2, CH4, N2O, HFKW, PFKW and SF6) including the emissions coming from Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF).

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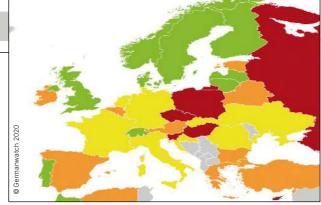
2. Overall Results CCPI 2021



Key results overall rating: Still no country made it to the top three ranks

The world map shows the aggregated results and overall performance of evaluated countries. The table shows the overall ranking and indicates how the countries perform in the different index categories. Headline results include:

- No country performs well enough in all index categories to achieve an overall very high rating in the index. Therefore, once again the first three ranks of the overall ranking remain empty.
- → G20 performance: From the G20 countries, this year, only the EU as a whole, along with the UK and India, rank among *high* performers while six G20 countries rank under *very low* performers.
- → EU performance: Hungary and Slovenia supersede Poland as the *worst* performing EU country in this year's index, all of them ranked as *very low* performers. Seven EU countries (excluding the UK) and the EU as a whole rank under *high* performers this year. The EU regains six places.



The following sub-chapters take a closer look at the results for the index categories:

GHG Emissions (2.1), Renewable Energy (2.2), Energy Use (2.3) and Climate Policy (2.4).



Climate Change Performance Index - Rating table

ank		Country	Score**	Categories	
1.*	-	-	_		
2.	-	-	-		
3.		-			
4.	-	Sweden	74.42		
5.	A	United Kingdom	69.66		
6.	V	Denmark	69.42		
7.	•	Morocco	67.59		
8.	A	Norway	65.45		
9.	A	Chile	64.05		
10.	•	India	63.98		
11.	•	Finland	62.63		
12.	A	Malta	62.21		
13.	A	Latvia	61.88		
14.	A	Switzerland	60.85	and the second second	
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18.	A	Croatia	56.69		
19.	A	Germany	56.39		
20.	▼	Ukraine	55.48		
21.	•	Luxembourg	55.23		
22.	•	Egypt	54.33		
23.	•	France	53.72		
24.	A	Indonesia	53.59		
25.	•	Brazil	53.26		
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34.	•	Greece	48.11		
35.	•	Austria	48.09		
36.	•	Belarus	47.27		
37.	•	South Africa	46.13		Datin n
38.	▼	Estonia	46.01		Rating
39.	<u> </u>	Ireland	45.47		Very High
40.	_	Belgium	45.11		
41.	*	Spain	45.02	www.	High
42.	<u> </u>	Turkey	43.47		Medium
43.	_	Algeria	43.27		Low
44.	_	Bulgaria	42.64		_ =
45.	<u> </u>	Japan	42.49		Very Low
46.	*	Argentina	42.49		
46.	*	Czech Republic	38.98		
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51.	•		37.02		Renewable Energy
52.	-	Russian Federation	30.34		(20% weighting)
53.	A	Korea	29.76		Energy Use
54.	A	Australia	28.82		(20% weighting)
55.	V	Kazakhstan	28.04		Climate Policy
56.	•	Malaysia	27.76		(20% weighting)
57.	A	Chinese Taipei	27.11		
58.	▼	Canada	24.82		
59.	•	Islamic Republic of Iran	24.58		
60.		Saudi Arabia	22.46		

*None of the countries achieved positions one to three. No country is doing enough to prevent dangerous climate change.

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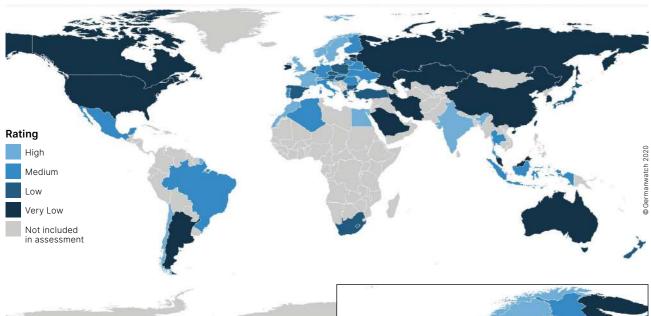
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2.1 Category Results – GHG* Emissions



GHG Emissions: Key developments – COVID-19 effects: Global emissions are declining

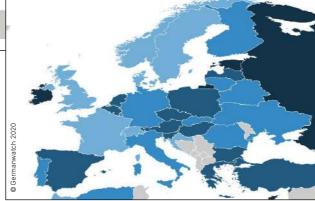
Owing to the COVID-19 crisis, the first half of 2020 brought a drastic 8.8% decrease in global GHG emissions.⁴ This is the largest half-year decrease in emissions ever recorded. Studies from May 2020 suggest a 4%-7% worldwide decline for the year, not considering successive waves of the pandemic. Whether this emissions movement will continue over the coming years depends on how green countries' recoveries are. For 1.5°C, world emissions would need to continue to decline by this year's rate.⁵

Key results: GHG Emissions rating

The table on the right provides detailed information on the performance of all countries listed in the CCPI in the four indicators defining the GHG Emissions category.

G20 performance:

→ No country's performance is rated *very high* for all indicators in the GHG Emissions category while only France joins last year's two *high* performing G20 countries India and the United Kingdom. Although India has one of the largest growth trends, per capita emissions stay at a comparatively low level, rated *very high* for their well-below 2°C compatibility.



→ Eight of the G20 countries rank as very low performing countries. Saudi Arabia, the worst performing G20 member has moved up from the last to the second last rank.

FU performance:

- → As last year, the EU is rated *medium* for its performance in the GHG Emissions category.
- → Five EU countries rank as high performers in this year's GHG Emissions rating (excluding the UK). Cyprus, Ireland and Estonia are the worst performing EU countries, all with an overall very low rating in this category.

* Greenhouse Gas Emissions



Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Rating table

Sepyt	ik C	ountry	Score*	Overall Rating	GHG per Capita - current level (including LULUCF)**	GHG per Capita – current trend (excluding LULUCF)**	GHG per Capita - compared to a well-below-2°C benchmark	GHG 2030 Targ - compared to a well-below-2°0 benchmark
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Matha	6. C	hile	32.16		High	Low	Very high	Very high
Morocco	7. U	nited Kingdom	31.77		Medium	Very high	High	Medium
Norway	8. M	lalta	29.66		High	Very high	Medium	Low
11	9. M	forocco	29.35		High	Very Low	Very high	Very high
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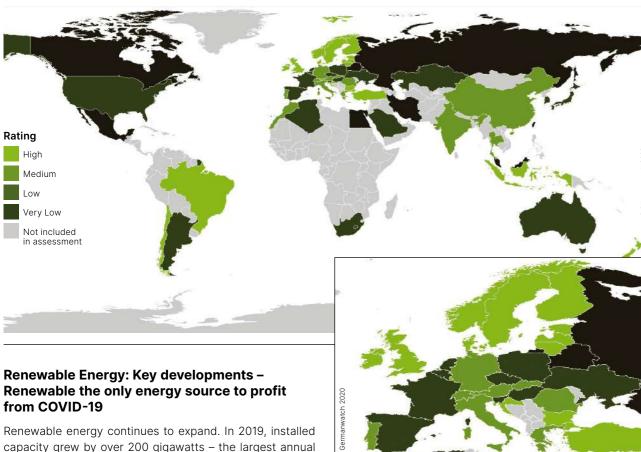
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2.2 Category Results - Renewable Energy



Renewable energy continues to expand. In 2019, installed capacity grew by over 200 gigawatts – the largest annual growth to date. Wind and solar power have also been the cheapest sources of new electricity generation in 2020 in most parts of the world. The expected tipping point where new installed renewables capacity is cheaper than operating coal or natural gas power plants is expected in 2025.6

As it did on GHG emissions, the COVID-19 crisis had an impact on the renewable energy sector. Owing to lower energy demand and renewables being given an advantage in accessing the electricity market, these were the only sources increasing their share of the primary energy supply in 2020. Despite that, the sector had to cope with disrupted labour and supply chains.⁷

Key results: Renewable Energy rating

The table provides detailed information on the performance of all countries listed in the CCPI in the four indicators defining the Renewable Energy category.

→ No country is rated very high for all indicators defining the Renewable Energy category. Since the energy sector contributes greatly to a country's CO₂ emissions, the results of the Renewable Energy rating indicate that there is much room for improvement in mitigating emissions by means of accelerated deployment of renewable energy.

G20 performance:

- → Eleven of the G20 countries are rated low or very low for their performance in the Renewable Energy category.
- → Turkey and Indonesia joined Brazil and the United Kingdom as the only G20 countries rated high for their performance in the Renewable Energy category. While Brazil's performance is based on the very high share of renewables in the energy mix, the United Kingdom and Turkey receive a very high rating for their positive trend in renewable development between 2013 and 2018.

EU performance:

- → The EU's performance in the Renewable Energy category shows no improvements compared to last year.
- → Of the 18 countries rated high for their performance in the Renewable Energy category in this year's index, 11 are EU countries (excluding the UK). Only Sweden receives a high rating for its 2030 target and is also the only EU country with a very high share of renewables. Poland and the Czech Republic are the worst performing EU countries, rated low for all indicators defining the Renewable Energy category.



Renewable Energy (RE) - Rating table

Rank	Country	Score*	Overall Ranking	Share of RE in Energy Use (TPES)** – current level (incl. hydro)	RE current trend (excl. hydro)	Share of RE in Energy Use (TPES) (excl. hydro) – compared to a well-below-2°C benchmark	RE 2030 Target (incl. hydro) – compared to a well-below-2°C benchmark
4.	Latvia	14.17	High	High	High	High	Medium
5.	Norway	13.94	High	Very high	High	Low	High
6.	Sweden	13.93	High	Very high	Medium	Medium	High
7.	Denmark	13.67	High	High	High	High	Medium
8.	Finland	13.62	High	High	Medium	High	Medium
9.	New Zealand	12.97	High	Very high	Low	High	Medium
10.	Lithuania	12.38	High	Medium	High	High	Medium
11.	Brazil	11.84		Very high	Low	Medium	Medium
12.	Chile	11.64		High	Medium	High	Medium
13.	Croatia	11.21		Medium	Very high	Medium	Medium
14.	Turkey	10.71		Medium	Very high	Medium	Low
15.	Indonesia	10.29		Medium	High	Medium	Low
16.	Luxembourg	10.11		Low	Very high	Low	Low
17.	Ireland	10.04		Medium	Very high	Medium	Medium
18.	Malta	9.71		Low	Very high	Low	Low
19.	Estonia	9.48		Medium	High	Medium	Medium
20.	Bulgaria	9.38		Low	High	Medium	Medium
21.	United Kingdom	9.34		Medium	Very high	Medium	Very Low
22.	Austria	8.77	Medium	High	Low	Low	Medium
23.	China	8.68	Medium	Low	Very high	Low	Low
24.	Portugal	8.41	Medium	High	Low	Low	Medium
25.	Morocco	8.08	Medium	Very Low	Very high	Low	Low
26.	Thailand	7.94	Medium	High	Low	Medium	Medium
27.	India	7.89	Medium	Medium	High	Low	Medium
28.	Germany	7.84	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low
29.	European Union (28)	7.62	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
30.	Switzerland	7.56	Medium	High	High	Low	Low
31.	Italy	7.03	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium
32.	Cyprus	6.98	Medium	Low	High	Low	Low
33.	Greece	6.80	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
34.	Slovak Republic	6.50	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
35.	Romania	6.47	Medium	Low	High	Low	Medium
36.	Ukraine	6.38	Low	Very Low	High	Very Low	Low
37.	Belgium	6.37	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
38.	Spain	6.21	Low	Medium	Very Low	Low	Medium
39.	Netherlands	6.14	Low	Low	High	Low	Low
40.	Korea	6.11	Low	Very Low	Very high	Very Low	Very Low
41.	Kazakhstan	5.94	Low	Very Low	Very high	Very Low	Very Low
42.	France	5.86	Low	Low	High	Low	Low
43.	Algeria	5.70	Low	Very Low	Very high	Very Low	Very Low
44.	Saudi Arabia	5.38	Low	Very Low	Very high	Very Low	Very Low
45.	Slovenia	5.33	Low	Medium	Low	Very Low	Low
46.	Japan	5.32	Low	Low	High	Low	Low
47.	Hungary	5.13	Low	Low	Medium	Very Low	Low
48.	Czech Republic	5.00	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
49.	Poland	4.75	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
50.	Argentina	4.50	Low	Low	Medium	Very Low	Very Low
51.	South Africa	3.96	Low	Low	Medium	Very Low	Very Low
52.	Australia	3.46	Low	Low	High	Low	Very Low
53.	United States	3.12	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Very Low
54.	Canada	2.59	Very Low	Medium	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low
55.	Egypt	2.17	Very Low	Very Low	Low	Very Low	Very Low
56.	Mexico	2.05	Very Low	Low	Medium	Very Low	Very Low
57.	Belarus	1.70	Very Low	Very Low	Low	Very Low	Very Low
58.	Malaysia	1.68	Very Low	Very Low	Low	Very Low	Very Low
59.	Chinese Taipei	1.34	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low
60.	Russian Federation	0.79	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low

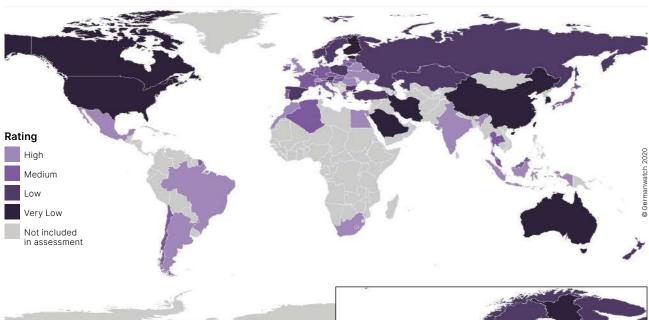
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2.3 Category Results – Energy Use*

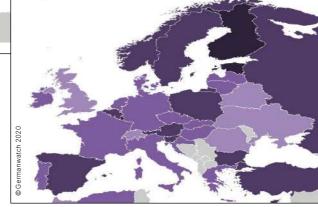


Energy Use: Key developments – Improvements in energy efficiency falling further behind

With total primary energy consumption still on the rise in 2019, the concept of energy efficiency is increasingly important. According to the IEA's latest Energy Efficiency Report, improvements in energy efficiency are falling behind targets around the world. While investment in energy efficiency remained stable in 2019, the COVID-19 pandemic is expected to trigger a global recession, inducing spending cuts of over 10% in energy efficiency sectors (IEA, Energy Efficiency Report 2020).

G20 performance:

- → Only Mexico, Brazil, Indonesia, India and Germany out of the G20 are rated *high* for their performance in the Energy Use category. Mexico is among the few countries in this year's CCPI that are rated *very high* for the well-below-2°C compatibility of their 2030 energy use target.
- → Five out of the eleven *very low* performers in the Energy Use rating are G20 countries.



EU performance:

- → As last year, the EU is rated *medium* for its performance in the Energy Use category.
- → Only two EU countries rank *high* in the Energy Use rating (excluding the UK).

* Increases in energy efficiency in its strict sense are complex to measure and would require a sector-by-sector approach. As currently there are no comparable data sources across all countries available, the CCPI evaluates the per capita energy use of a country to measure improvements in this category.



Energy Use - Rating table

ank	Country	Score*	Overall Rating	Energy Use (TPES)** per Capita – current level	Energy Use (TPES) per Capita – current trend	Energy Use (TPES) per Capita – compared to a well-below-2°C benchmark	Energy Use 2030 Target – compared to a well-below-2°C benchmark
4.	Ukraine	18.54	High	High	Very high	Very high	Very high
	Malta	16.82	High	Very high	Very high	High	Low
	Mexico	16.34	High	Very high	High	High	Very high
	Morocco	16.06	High	Very high	Low	Very high	Very high
	Switzerland	14.95	High	Medium	High	High	High
	Brazil	14.86	High	Very high	High	High	Medium
10.	India	14.77	High	Very high	Low	Very high	High
	Belarus	14.74	High	Medium	Medium	High	Very high
12.	United Kingdom	14.51	High	Medium	High	High	Medium
13.	Indonesia	13.89	High	Very high	Low	High	High
14.	Egypt	13.89	High	Very high	Very Low	High	Very high
	Argentina	13.73	High	High	High	Medium	Low
	South Africa	13.68	High	Medium	High	Medium	High
17.	Romania	13.60	High	High	Very Low	High	Very high
18.	Greece	13.24	Medium	High	Medium	Medium	Medium
19.	Thailand	12.91	Medium	High	Medium	Low	Medium
20.	Algeria	12.84	Medium	Very high	Low	Medium	High
21.	Germany	12.74	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Medium
22.	Italy	12.70	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
23.	European Union (28)	12.21	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
24.	Denmark	12.14	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	Low
25.	Japan	11.95	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low
26.	Lithuania	11.93	Medium	Medium	Very Low	High	High
27.	Ireland	11.71	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium
28.	Netherlands	11.71	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
29.	France	11.67	Medium	Low	High	Low	Low
30.	Chile	11.55	Medium	High	Medium	Very Low	Low
31.	Malaysia	11.52	Medium	Medium	High	Very Low	Low
32.	Croatia	11.40	Medium	High	Very Low	Medium	Low
33.	Slovak Republic	11.13	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low
34.	Czech Republic	11.07	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
35.	Latvia	11.07	Medium	Medium	Very Low	High	Medium
36.	Hungary	10.87	Medium	Medium	Very Low	Medium	High
37.	Portugal	10.87	Medium	High	Very Low	Low	Medium
38.	Kazakhstan	10.67	Low	Very Low	High	Low	Very Low
39.	Belgium	10.50	Low	Very Low	Medium	Low	Low
40.	Spain	10.45	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium
41.	Bulgaria	10.45	Low	Medium	Very Low	Medium	Low
42.	Poland	10.29	Low	Medium	Very Low	Low	Low
43.	Cyprus	10.27	Low	Medium	Very Low	Low	High
44.	New Zealand	10.26	Low	Very Low	Medium	Very Low	Low
45.	Russian Federation	10.26	Low	Very Low	Low	Low	High
46.	Turkey	10.24	Low	High	Very Low	Low	Medium
47.	Norway	10.20	Low	Very Low	High	Very Low	Very Low
48.	Austria	10.16	Low	Low	Medium	Very Low	Very Low
49.	Sweden	10.12	Low	Very Low	Medium	Low	Low
50.	Slovenia	10.09	Low	Low	Low	Very Low	Low
51.	Australia	9.18	Very Low	Very Low	High	Very Low	Very Low
52.	China	9.06	Very Low	Medium	Low	Very Low	Very Low
53.	Luxembourg	8.93	Very Low	Very Low	Very high	Low	Very Low
54.	Estonia	8.79	Very Low	Very Low	Low	Low	Very Low
55.	Chinese Taipei	8.75	Very Low	Low	Medium	Very Low	Low
56.	Islamic Republic of Iran	8.53	Very Low	Medium	Low	Very Low	Medium
57.	United States	5.39	Very Low	Very Low	Medium	Very Low	Very Low
58.	Finland	5.25	Very Low	Very Low	Medium	Very Low	Very Low
59.	Korea	4.69	Very Low	Very Low	Low	Very Low	Very Low
60.	Saudi Arabia	4.49	Very Low	Very Low	Low	Very Low	Very Low
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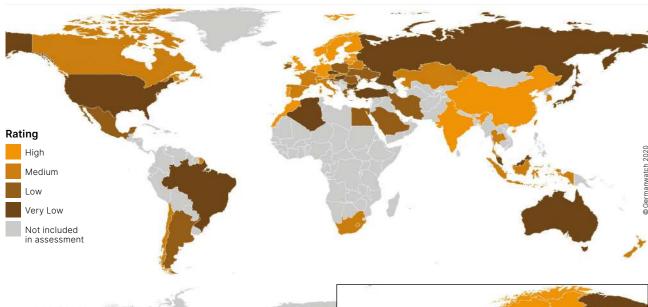
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2.4 Category Results - Climate Policy



Climate Policy: Key developments – A year of contradiction and without sufficient targets

The political momentum on climate policy is growing despite COP26's postponement, as several countries updated their NDCs. China, the world's largest emitter, committed to a target of net zero by 2060, while Japan and the Republic of Korea even announced their aim to become carbon neutral by 2050. Despite these movements, some developments have gone the opposite way. A day after the US presidential election in November, the US formally withdrew from the Paris Agreement. While some countries have already submitted their NDC improvements, numerous large emitters have yet to do so. Even the goals of net zero by 2050 or 2060 from Asia are insufficient for a 1.5°C world.

Key results: Climate Policy rating

The table on the right provides detailed information on the performance of all 57 countries and the EU in the two indicators defining the Climate Policy category.

→ While a few countries have a *very high* rating for their international climate policy performance, no country reaches an overall *very high* rating for the Climate Policy category.



G20 performance:

- → As last year nine of the G20 countries are rated *low* or *very low* for their performance in the Climate Policy category. South Africa was able to improve to a *medium* rating, while Saudi Arabia joins the *low* performers.
- → Five G20 countries rank under high performers in this year's Climate Policy rating with France now scoring only medium.

EU performance:

- → The EU improves by eight ranks in the Climate Policy rating and is rated high especially for its international climate policy.
- → Ten EU countries rank under *high* performers in this year's Climate Policy rating, with five EU countries leading the ranking (excluding the UK). Bulgaria and Hungary are the worst performing EU countries, both with an overall *very low* rating in the Climate Policy category.



Climate Policy - Rating table

Rank	Country	Score*	Overall Rating	National Climate Policy Performance	International Climate Policy Performance
4.	Finland	19.38	High	High	Very high
	Sweden	17.22		Medium	Very high
	Portugal	16.76		Medium	Very high
	Latvia	16.20		High	High
	Denmark	15.35		Medium	High
	Morocco	14.10		Medium	High
	United Kingdom	13.96		Medium	High
	China	14.00		Medium	Medium
12.	European Union	13.80		Medium	High
13.	India	12.92		Medium	Medium
	Netherlands	12.81		Medium	Medium
	Norway	12.30	High	Medium	High
	Lithuania	11.85	High	Medium	Medium
17.	Estonia	11.57	High	Medium	Medium
	Germany	11.39	High	Medium	High
	Luxembourg	11.20	High	Low	High
20.	France	10.76	Medium	Low	High
21.	Korea	10.63	Medium	Medium	Medium
22.	Thailand	10.18	Medium	Medium	Medium
23.	Italy	10.18	Medium	Low	Medium
24.	*		Medium	Medium	
	New Zealand	10.00	Medium		Medium
25.	Switzerland	9.81		Medium	Medium
26.	Slovak Republic	9.11	Medium	Low	Medium
27.	Chinese Taipei	9.10	Medium	Low	Medium
28.	Belarus	8.87	Medium	Medium	Low
29.	Canada	8.86	Medium	Low	Medium
30.	Austria	8.77	Medium	Low	Medium
31.	Chile	8.69	Medium	Low	Medium
32.	Kazakhstan	8.59	Medium	Low	Medium
33.	South Africa	8.10	Medium	Low	Medium
34.	Indonesia	8.02	Medium	Low	Medium
	Spain	7.87	Medium	Low	Medium
36.	Ireland	7.78	Low	Low	Medium
37.	Belgium	7.78	Low	Low	Medium
38.	Croatia	7.76	Low	Low	Low
39.	Greece	7.76	Low	Low	Low
40.	Islamic Republic of Iran	7.50	Low	Medium	Low
41.	Mexico	7.02	Low	Low	Medium
42.	Poland	6.67	Low	Low	Low
43.	Saudi Arabia	6.61	Low	Low	Low
44.	Argentina	6.54	Low	Low	Medium
45.	Cyprus	6.53	Low	Low	Low
46.	Ukraine	6.32	Low	Low	Low
47.	Malta	6.02	Low	Low	Low
48.	Romania	5.52	Low	Low	Low
49.	Egypt	5.28	Low	Low	Low
50.	Japan	5.03	Very Low	Low	Low
50. 51.	Czech Republic	4.26	Very Low Very Low	Low	Very Low
52.	Slovenia	4.04	Very Low Very Low	Low	Low
53.	Hungary	3.67	Very Low	Low	Very Low
54.	Malaysia	3.55	Very Low	Low	Low
55.	Bulgaria	3.54	Very Low	Low	Low
56.	Brazil	3.12	Very Low	Low	Very Low
57.	Russian Federation	2.75	Very Low	Very Low	Low
58.	Turkey	2.19	Very Low	Low	Very Low
59.	Algeria	1.81	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low
60.	Australia	0.81	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low
61.	United States	0.80	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low

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3. CCPI stocktake of the COVID-19 low-carbon economic recovery

In a nutshell

- 1. The COVID-19 pandemic-induced drop in emissions is just temporary if no structural changes are implemented towards a low-carbon transition. Steering fiscal rescue and recovery spending towards low-carbon and sustainable measures can support a systemic transformation and lead to myriad long-term benefits.
- 2. The unique CCPI survey gives reasons for optimism about the direction of recovery. More countries have reported low-carbon measures in their COVID-19 recovery plans than measures that undermine a low-carbon transition. However, there are widespread contradicting measures in current plans. This hinders low-carbon economic recovery efforts.
- 3. There are numerous examples of low-carbon measures in the recovery worldwide. Yet these may not necessarily reflect investment volumes (tracked in other analyses). It is crucial that high fiscal spending in a few high-carbon measures does not hamper efforts towards a low-carbon recovery.
- 4. Popular low-carbon interventions focus on stimulating consumption or creating demand for new jobs. Common high-carbon interventions, however, often focus on protecting incumbent industries, and existing jobs, without conditions for low-carbon transition.
- 5. Policymakers still have the chance to scale up low-carbon interventions, because national recovery plans are not fully laid out. The survey reveals many measures under discussion. These show that countries recognise the need to dedicate a share of the recovery budget to lowcarbon measures. Future interventions must expand current good practices to situate low-carbon investments at the centre of the recovery efforts.

Introduction

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2020 are lower than in previous years. This dip is, however, induced by the COVID-19 pandemic and may only be temporary if no structural changes are made. Decades of steady reductions of a similar rate of decrease are needed to keep the 1.5°C warming limit within reach.

Emissions could bounce back and even overshoot previously projected levels by 2030, even despite lower economic growth. Dedicated low-carbon interventions, as part

of the rescue and recovery from COVID-19, can support curbing emissions and avoiding a lock-in to carbon-intensive energy sources or stranding of high-carbon assets.8

The economic recovery from the current crisis can catalyse emissions reductions and resilience building, if it is correctly designed. The ideal stimulus must account for both longterm development and short-term benefits.9 Evaluation of the recovery status in terms of mitigation efforts supports understanding the overall direction of current plans. It also helps in identifying measures that affect the systemic transformation required to achieve the Paris Agreement's goals.

The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) overviewed the state of the recovery in 2020 concerning its effect on GHG emissions. In this unique survey, in September-November 2020, we asked over 170 experts in 55 countries about their governments' COVID-19 recovery plans. These countries were responsible for 83% of global emissions in 2018.^{10,11} In the survey, we asked about the implementation status (under discussion, in place, or not in place) of key measures that support rebuilding a more sustainable economy or reinforce an unsustainable high-carbon status quo (Figure 1).

Stocktake of the COVID-19 recovery

Most countries have implemented measures that support a low-carbon economic recovery alongside measures that then undermine their efforts.

The survey shows reasons for optimism about the recovery's direction. This owes to the many supportive measures in place or under discussion, across the board. However, short-term rescue of high-emissions sectors, without emissions-reduction conditions, pulls efforts in opposite direc-

Policymakers still have the chance to scale up low-carbon interventions since national recovery plans are not fully laid out. It's crucial that high fiscal spending in a few high-carbon measures does not undermine efforts towards a lowcarbon recovery.

On average, more countries reported low-carbon measures in COVID-19 recovery plans compared with measures that undermine low-carbon transition (Figure 2). Support for low-emissions motor vehicles is part of the recovery in 3/4 of the countries surveyed. Most countries also include measures supporting uptake of zero- or low-emissions



Measures included in the survey (Figure 1)

This is a non-exhaustive list of measures that support (green) or undermine (red) a low-carbon economic recovery.



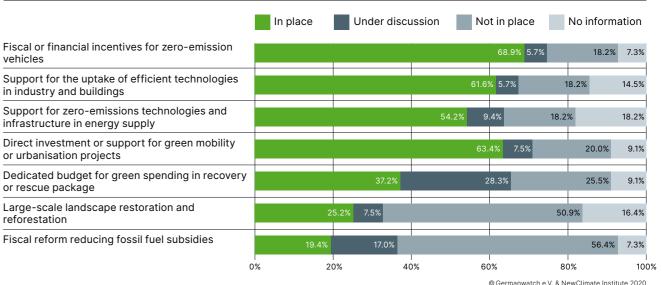
technologies in the energy sector. This is the case in both energy supply and demand. These measures result in direct short-term economic impacts by stimulating consumption or creating demand for new jobs.¹²

More than half of the countries considered dedicated a particular share of recovery spending to green measures.

A third implemented or are considering fiscal reform to reduce fossil fuel subsidies. These measures can be implemented because fuel prices are currently very low. They also provide new revenues for other rescue measures. A quarter of the countries supported large-scale landscape restoration and afforestation efforts.

Measures supporting a low-carbon recovery (Figure 2)

Survey results (173 experts) for measures supporting low-carbon recovery. Percentages represent the share of surveyed countries.



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The most prominent measures leading to high carbon lockin or higher greenhouse gas emissions include bailout of corporations and industries with no conditions to foster transition to low-carbon economies (Figure 3). Amid states of emergency, many governments simply focussed on keeping the economy afloat. Forward-looking strategies would need to ensure that corporate and industry bailouts do not reinforce unsustainable practices.

Despite these findings, the reporting of what countries have not done is positive. At least two-thirds have avoided restarting plans for shovel-ready, coal-fired power plants or for weaking environmental regulations associated with protecting natural habits or fossil fuel exploration.

Countries with high dependency on fossil fuel rents tend to have higher prevalence of high-carbon measures compared with measures that support low-carbon recovery. This owes to the focus on rescue-type measures (especially liquidity support for emissions-intensive incumbent industries) and still-unfinalized recovery-focused packages, in which low-carbon measures may figure more prominently.

Our analysis also suggests developed countries are not necessarily implementing either more or fewer low-carbon measures than developing countries. No substantial correlation was observed between income level and type of measures.

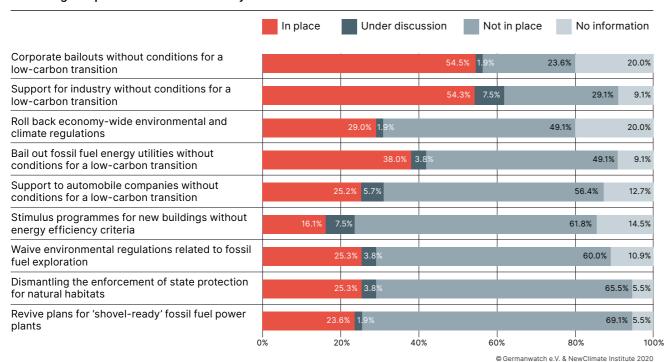
Countries still have room to shape the recovery, with many measures reported as "under discussion" (Figure 4). High-carbon measures are being discussed in some countries, but the most prevalent measures under discussion seem to support low-carbon recovery. Approximately one-third of countries reported discussions on setting a specific budget for green spending. Also, almost one-quarter had discussed reform of fossil fuel subsidies. These countries probably want to seize the opportunity that recent low energy prices provide.

Though there are widespread examples of low-carbon measures worldwide, these are not necessarily aligned with investment volumes. The share of low-carbon investments over gross domestic production is still small, despite a relatively high number of positive interventions. ^{13,14,15} High fiscal spending in a few high-carbon measures must not undermine efforts towards low-carbon recovery.

Our survey shows signs for optimism about the direction of recovery, but a low-carbon economic transition relies on the next steps. Recovery plans provide a chance to raise ambition in developing long-term strategies and ratchet-up nationally determined contributions. Policymakers still have the chance to scale up low-carbon interventions, because national recovery plans are not fully laid out. Future interventions must expand current good practices to situate low-carbon investments at the centre of the recovery efforts.

Measures undermining a low-carbon recovery (Figure 3)

Survey results (173 experts) for measures that undermine low-carbon recovery. Percentages represent the share of surveyed countries.

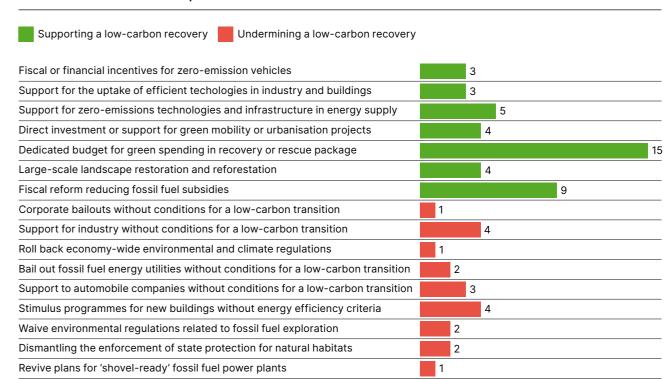


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Number of countries with measures under discussion (Figure 4)

Maximum number of countries per measure: 55



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About the methodology

Our method is based on a survey conducted among several national experts, conducted in September–November 2020. We approached 850 experts and had a 20% response rate. The method considers measures in place and under discussion. It allows for an overview of implemented and planned measures, without analysing individual interventions. This, however, restricts analyses that account for the scope of individual measures.

Experts may have diverging perspectives on the level of measures' implementation. We accounted for the level of agreement between experts by averaging the answers for each country and measure. Opposite answers were assigned positive and negative scores. Contradicting answers from two experts, for the same measure and country, cancelled each other out and were not considered in the analysis. We considered a measure in the results only if a majority of experts stated the measure was implemented or under discussion.



4. Endnotes

- ¹ The latest available data, which allows for comparison of all 57 countries plus the EU included in the CCPI 2021, dates back to 2018 for the quantitative index categories.
- ² The CCPI takes into account a five-year linear trend (for CCPI 2021, the period 2013–2018).
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