

EU's Ambitious Climate Goals, Digital Market Shifts, and Economic Crossroads

European Union · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What is the EU's legally binding target for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, as agreed upon in December 2025?

- A) A 70% reduction
- B) A 80% reduction
- C) A 90% reduction**
- D) A 100% reduction

2. As of May 2025, how many EU member states had submitted their final updates to their National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs)?

- A) 17
- B) 20
- C) 23**
- D) 27

3. Which major tech company's platforms, Instagram and Facebook, were preliminarily found by the European Commission to be in breach of the Digital Services Act for failing to reduce risks for minors?

- A) Google
- B) Meta**
- C) Apple
- D) Microsoft

4. What was the Eurozone's GDP expansion in the first quarter of 2026, according to Euro Area News?

- A) 0.0%
- B) 0.1%**
- C) 0.2%
- D) 0.3%

5. The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) definitive regime officially came into effect on what date?

- A) January 1, 2025
- B) July 1, 2025
- C) January 1, 2026**
- D) April 1, 2026

6. According to a 2023 Commission data, what trend has been observed regarding the integration in the free movement of goods within the EU's Single Market?

- A) An increase from 26.0% to 23.8%
- B) A decrease from 26.0% to 23.8%**
- C) An increase from 23.8% to 26.0%
- D) A decrease from 23.8% to 26.0%

7. What is the EU's binding renewable energy target by 2030 as set by the revised Renewable Energy Directive?

- A) 40% of gross final energy consumption
- B) 42.5% of gross final energy consumption**
- C) 45% of gross final energy consumption
- D) 50% of gross final energy consumption

8. In which month of 2026 did the European Central Bank (ECB) keep interest rates unchanged at its meeting, maintaining the main refinancing rate at 2.15%?

- A) February
- B) March
- C) April**
- D) May

9. The EU-Mercosur trade agreement started to be provisionally applied on which date?

- A) April 29, 2026
- B) April 30, 2026
- C) May 1, 2026**
- D) May 4, 2026

10. What is the proposed target for net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction by 2040, as initially proposed by the European Commission in July 2025?

- A) 80% reduction
- B) 85% reduction
- C) 90% reduction**
- D) 95% reduction

11. As of January 2026, which industrial sector has been formally added to the list of sectors eligible for compensation for indirect emission costs under the amended Emissions Trading System (ETS) State Aid Guidelines?

- A) Automotive manufacturing
- B) Battery production**
- C) Textile manufacturing
- D) Food processing

12. What is the overall unemployment rate in the European Union as of March?

- A) 5.5%
- B) 5.8%
- C) 6.0%**
- D) 6.3%

13. The Daphne Caruana Galizia Prize for Journalism rewards outstanding journalism that promotes or defends which of the following EU values?

- A) Economic prosperity and innovation
- B) Cultural diversity and heritage
- C) Human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law, and human rights**
- D) Environmental sustainability and green energy

14. In the European Climate Performance Ranking 2025, the EU ranks at which position?

- A) 10th
- B) 15th
- C) 20th**
- D) 25th

15. What is the primary goal of the European single market, as described by the European Commission?

- A) To standardize national currencies
- B) To create a borderless economic area for free movement of goods, capital, services, and labour**
- C) To establish a common foreign policy and defense strategy
- D) To promote a single digital currency for all member states