

# EU's Green Economy Pivot: Carbon Borders, Circularity, and the EUR6.6 Trillion

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**1. As of January 1, 2026, what is a key requirement for importers bringing certain carbon-intensive goods into the EU under the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)?**

- A) They must register as authorized CBAM declarants.**
- B) They must obtain an EU-issued environmental impact certificate for each shipment.
- C) They must pay a 10% import tariff on all covered goods.
- D) They must source at least 50% of their imported materials from within the EU.

**2. According to recent projections, what is the estimated value of ESG assets under management in the EU for 2024, and what percentage does this represent of total assets under management?**

- A) EUR6.6 trillion, representing 38% of total assets.**
- B) EUR4.2 trillion, representing 25% of total assets.
- C) EUR10.1 trillion, representing 50% of total assets.
- D) EUR2.5 trillion, representing 15% of total assets.

**3. The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 aims to achieve specific conservation targets. What is one of the key targets related to protected areas?**

- A) To establish protected areas amounting to at least 30% of Europe's land and sea areas.**
- B) To designate 15% of Europe's land and sea areas as strictly protected zones.
- C) To restore 50% of degraded ecosystems across Europe.
- D) To increase agricultural land under high-diversity landscape features to 20%.

**4. In 2024, what was the approximate share of electricity generated from renewable sources in the EU, and what was the share from fossil fuels?**

- A) Renewables generated 50%, and fossil fuels accounted for just over 25%.**
- B) Renewables generated 35%, and fossil fuels accounted for around 40%.
- C) Renewables generated 60%, and fossil fuels accounted for less than 15%.
- D) Renewables generated 40%, and fossil fuels accounted for over 50%.

**5. What is the projected growth rate (CAGR) for the Europe Digital Circular Economy Market from 2025 to 2034?**

- A) 23.2%**
- B) 15.5%
- C) 8.9%
- D) 30.1%

**6. Under the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), the price of CBAM certificates is calculated based on the auction price of EU ETS allowances. How will this price be determined from 2027 onwards?**

- A) As a weekly average.**
- B) As a quarterly average.
- C) As an annual average.
- D) Based on a fixed price set by the European Commission.

**7. The EU Biodiversity Strategy estimates significant annual profits and savings for certain industries. What is the estimated annual profit for the seafood industry from the conservation of marine areas?**

- A) EUR49 billion**
- B) EUR20 billion
- C) EUR10 billion
- D) EUR75 billion

**8. By what percentage did the EU's gas demand decrease between August 2022 and January 2026, compared to the 5-year pre-crisis reference period, in line with the REPowerEU objectives?**

- A) Around 19%**
- B) Around 5%
- C) Around 30%
- D) Around 10%