

EU Environmental Breakthroughs: From Plastic Bans to Biodiversity Goals

Environment · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What is the new binding target for the share of renewable energy in the EU's energy mix by 2030, as revised by the Renewable Energy Directive?

- A) At least 32%
- B) At least 40%
- C) At least 42.5%**
- D) At least 45%

2. According to a March 2025 analysis, what was the percentage decrease in the EU's CO2 emissions from fossil fuels in 2024 compared to the previous year?

- A) 1.4%
- B) 2.9%**
- C) 5.5%
- D) 8.5%

3. The EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) requires companies to submit due diligence statements for imports of specific commodities starting from when?

- A) June 2024
- B) December 2024**
- C) January 2025
- D) July 2025

4. As of December 2024, what is the EU's target year for a ban on single-use plastics for certain packaging like specific foods, cosmetics, and toiletry products?

- A) 2027
- B) 2028
- C) 2030**
- D) 2035

5. What percentage of Europe's surface water qualified as having at least a good ecological status in 2021, according to a European Environment Agency report?

- A) 29%
- B) 37%**
- C) 50%
- D) 77%

6. The EU's Circular Economy Act, planned for late 2026, aims to include a recycled content obligation for plastic packaging. What is the minimum percentage proposed by 2028?

- A) 20%
- B) 25%
- C) 30%**
- D) 35%

7. In 2024, what percentage of the EU's energy consumption came from renewable sources?

- A) 20.2%
- B) 25.2%**
- C) 30.2%
- D) 35.2%

8. The EU Nature Restoration Law, which entered into force in August 2024, aims to restore at least what percentage of degraded land and sea areas by 2030?

- A) 10%
- B) 15%
- C) 20%**
- D) 30%

9. What is the EU's legally binding target for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, compared to 1990 levels?

- A) 45%
- B) 50%
- C) 55%**
- D) 60%

10. In the 2024 bathing season, what percentage of EU bathing waters met at least the minimum water quality standards?

- A) 85%
- B) 90%
- C) 96%**
- D) 99%