

Europe's Climate Crucible: Wildfires Blaze, EU Green Deal Advances, and Ren

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1. Which countries in Southern Europe activated the EU Civil Protection Mechanism for wildfire assistance during the first week of July 2026?

- A) Italy and Greece
- B) Portugal and France**
- C) Spain and Croatia
- D) Cyprus and Malta

2. On July 6, 2026, the European Parliament's ENVI committee voted to extend the scope of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) to include how many additional downstream product codes?

- A) Fewer than 100
- B) Between 100 and 250
- C) More than 400**
- D) Exactly 300

3. According to data released in early July 2026, what percentage of the EU's electricity was generated from renewable energy sources in the first quarter of 2026?

- A) 38.2%
- B) 42.7%
- C) 45.5%**
- D) 50.1%

4. By what year are EU member states required to draft and begin implementing their national restoration plans under the EU Nature Restoration Law?

- A) 2028
- B) 2027
- C) 2026**
- D) 2025

5. What was the primary source of renewable electricity in the EU during the first quarter of 2026, accounting for 44.9% of the total renewable electricity?

- A) Solar power
- B) Hydropower
- C) Wind power**
- D) Biomass

6. On July 3, 2026, the European Commission adopted revised European sustainability reporting standards (ESRS) and a voluntary reporting standard for smaller companies. What was a key aim of these revised standards?

- A) To increase the number of mandatory datapoints by 50%
- B) To reduce administrative burdens for EU businesses while maintaining high-quality disclosures**
- C) To expand the scope of reporting only to large multinational corporations
- D) To shift reporting responsibilities entirely to national governments

7. Which European country achieved 90.0% of its electricity from renewable sources in Q1 2026, primarily from wind?

- A) Germany
- B) Sweden
- C) Denmark**
- D) Norway (non-EU)

8. What significant policy was endorsed by the European Parliament's ENVI committee on July 6, 2026, to strengthen the EU's new emissions trading system for buildings and road transport (ETS2)?

- A) The Renewable Energy Directive
- B) The Circular Economy Action Plan
- C) The Market Stability Reserve (MSR)**
- D) The Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR)

9. On International Plastic Bag Free Day, observed on July 3, 2026, which EU directive specifically helps to reduce overall consumption of disposable plastics by banning many commonly found single-use plastic products?

- A) The Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation
- B) The Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- C) The Birds Directive
- D) The Single Use Plastics Directive**