

Environmental issue	EU-27 target/objective	EU-27 – on track?	EEA-38 – trend?
Climate change			
Global mean temperature change	To limit increases to below 2 °C globally ^(a)	☒ ^(D)	↗
Greenhouse gas emissions	To reduce greenhouse gas emissions; by 20 % by 2020 ^(b)	☑ ^(E)	↘
Energy efficiency	To reduce primary energy use; by 20 % by 2020 vs. business-as-usual ^(b)	☐ ^(E)	↗
Renewable energy sources	To increase energy consumption from renewables; by 20 % by 2020 ^(b)	☐ ^(E)	↗
Nature and biodiversity			
Pressure on ecosystems (from air pollution, e.g. eutrophication)	Not to exceed critical loads of eutrophying substances ^(c)	☒	→
Conservation status (safeguard EU's most important habitats and species)	To achieve favourable conservation status, set up Natura 2000 network ^(d)	☐ ^(F)	→
Biodiversity (terrestrial and marine species and habitats)	To halt the loss of biodiversity ^(e) ^(f)	☒ (terrestrial)	↘
		☒ (marine)	↘
Soil degradation (soil erosion)	To prevent further soil degradation and preserve its functions ^(g)	☒ ^(G)	↗
Natural resources and waste			
Decoupling (resource use from economic growth)	To decouple resource use from economic growth ^(h)	☐	↗
Waste generation	To substantially reduce waste generation ^(h)	☒ ^(H)	↗
Waste management (recycling)	Several recycling targets for different specific waste streams	☑	↗
Water stress (water exploitation)	To achieve good quantitative status of water bodies ⁽ⁱ⁾	☐ ^(I)	→

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Environment and health			
Water quality (ecological and chemical status)	To achieve good ecological and chemical status of water bodies ^(l) ^(l)	□ ^(l)	→
Water pollution (from point sources, and bathing water quality)	To comply with bathing water quality, urban wastewater treatment ^(k) ^(l)	☑	↘
Transboundary air pollution (NO _x , NMVOC, SO ₂ , NH ₃ , primary particles)	To limit emissions of acidifying, eutrophying and ozone precursor pollutants ^(c)	□	↘
Air quality in urban areas (particulate matter and ozone)	To attain levels of air quality that do not give rise to negative health impacts ^(m)	☒	→
Legend			
Positive developments	Neutral developments	Negative developments	
↘ Decreasing trend	→ Stable	(↘) Decreasing trend	
↗ Increasing trend		(↗) Increasing trend	
☑ EU on track (some countries may not meet target)	□ Mixed progress (but overall problem remains)	☒ EU not on track (some countries may meet target)	

Source: EEA ^(c).