

## **IEEP'S RESPONSE TO EC'S NEW REFLECTION PAPER**

### **TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE EUROPE BY 2030**

“With its new paper *Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030*, the European Commission is setting an inspiring vision for Europe’s future ahead of the Sibiu Leaders’ Summit and the European elections” said Celine Charveriat, Executive Director of IEEP.

“Europe urgently needs a new overarching strategy based on sustainability that can deliver for European generations to come. This paper is an important first step towards realising what all European citizens are aspiring to: prosperity, social justice, well-being, a healthy environment and peace.”

“*Towards a sustainable Europe by 2030* is a must-read for European leaders’ and European political parties. The time is now to write a new blueprint for Europe, based on scenario 1 of this paper, through an overarching EU SDG strategy, including concrete 2030 policy targets.”

“European leaders must now give teeth to this vision: Concrete 2030 policy targets must be backed by enforceable commitments by Member States.”

**Notes to editors:**

**What are the key elements of the reflection paper:**

*“For a better future for all, we need a reinvented form of sustainable economic growth”*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b> <u>Policy foundations</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6</b> <u>Enablers</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b> <u>Scenarios for Member States</u></p>
From linear to circular economy	Education, training, science, technology, research, innovation and digitisation	Scenario 1: An overarching SDG strategy
Sustainability from farm to fork	Finance, pricing, taxation and competition	Scenario 2: Continued mainstreaming of SDGs in all relevant EU policies
Future-proofing energy, building and mobility	Corporate social responsibility	Scenario 3: Putting enhanced focus on external action
Ensuring a social fair transition	Open and rules-based trade	
	Governance and policy coherence	
	The EU as a global trail blazer	

**Who we are:**

The Institute for European Environmental Policies (IEEP) is a sustainability think tank. We are reacting on the basis of the conclusions of #Think2030, an evidence-based, non-partisan platform of 100 leading policy experts from European think tanks, civil society, the private sector and local authorities.

The #Think2030 report, 30X30 actions for a sustainable Europe, launched last November maps out what changes in European policies could help European citizens to live prosperous, peaceful and healthy lives by 2050, while sustaining the 80% reduction in per capita resource use.

**Relevant papers:**

[30X30 ACTIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE EUROPE #Think2030 action plan](#) – Executive summary

[A long-term strategy for a European circular economy – setting the course for success](#)

[Feeding Europe: Agriculture and sustainable food systems](#)

[Securing and financing clean growth for the EU](#)

[How to ensure a just and fast transition to a competitive low-carbon economy for the EU?](#)