

# SUCCESS OF THE EU GREEN DEAL DEPENDS ON NATIONAL OWNERSHIP

ACHIEVING CLIMATE NEUTRALITY WILL REQUIRE EACH COUNTRY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DELIVERING THIS COLLECTIVE OBJECTIVE



BECOMING THE WORLD'S FIRST CLIMATE NEUTRAL BLOC WILL REQUIRE PROFOUND CHANGE IN EVERY MEMBER STATE

CHANGE ON THIS SCALE WILL DEPEND ON POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SUPPORT. RESPONSIBILITY FOR DELIVERING THE CLIMATE NEUTRALITY OBJECTIVE MUST THEREFORE BE OWNED AT NATIONAL LEVEL.

## SUCCESS OF THE EU GREEN DEAL IS AT RISK

EU RULES DO NOT REQUIRE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES TO ACHIEVE CLIMATE NEUTRALITY BY A SPECIFIC DATE. THIS CREATES A NATIONAL OWNERSHIP 'GAP'.



MANY COUNTRIES HAVE MOVED AHEAD OF THE EU TO CLOSE THIS GAP BY ADOPTING NATIONAL CLIMATE LAWS

THEY HAVE COMMITTED TO CLIMATE NEUTRALITY BY A SPECIFIC DATE AND THE BEST ALSO PUT IN PLACE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THEY GET THERE. BUT, STANDARDS VARY AND OTHERS HAVE YET TO TAKE THESE STEPS.

THE 'FIT FOR 55' PROCESS IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLOSE THE EU'S NATIONAL OWNERSHIP GAP. BUT...

...BUT, IF THE PROCESS LEADS TO AN EXPANSION OF CARBON PRICING WITHOUT ALSO 'LEVELLING UP' NATIONAL CLIMATE GOVERNANCE THE EU GREEN DEAL WILL BE EXPOSED TO SERIOUS RISK.



CARBON PRICING WITHOUT RAISING NATIONAL GOVERNANCE STANDARDS COULD DESTABILISE POLITICAL WILL

THIS RISKS A TWO-SPEED TRANSITION, A SLOWED TRANSITION OR A MORE EXPENSIVE AND UNJUST TRANSITION TO CARBON NEUTRALITY. ANY OF THESE OUTCOMES WOULD FORCE THE EU TO PAY THE BITTER PRICE OF INACTION.

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MUST REVISE THE 'EFFORT SHARING' REGULATION TO CLOSE THE NATIONAL OWNERSHIP GAP

TO DO SO, THEY MUST APPLY THE LESSONS LEARNED BY EUROPE'S CLIMATE LAW COUNTRIES AND ENSURE THE EU GREEN DEAL IS IMPLEMENTED AGAINST A BACKDROP OF CONSISTENT MINIMUM STANDARDS OF NATIONAL CLIMATE GOVERNANCE.

