

-The Paris Agreement -Mobilization Beyond the International Arena



THE PARIS AGREEMENT



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ADOPTION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT

Proposal by the President

Draft decision -/CP.21



A CLEAR MANDATE



<u>Art. 2 para.1 let.a</u> «Holding the increase in the global average temperature to **well below 2°C** above preindustrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to **1.5° C** above pre-industrial levels »

The Paris compatible range



A CLEAR MANDATE



<u>Art. 2 para.1 let.b</u> «Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production »





A CLEAR MANDATE

<u>Art. 2 para.1 let.c</u> «Making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development»





ONE DESTINATION Nett Zero Emissions <u>EVERYWHERE</u>



<u>Art. 4 para.1</u> «(...)achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century (...)»



TO BE ACHIEVED IN FAIRNESS

Art. 4 para.1

«In order to achieve the long-term temperature goal(...) reach global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, recognizing that peaking will take longer for developing country Parties (...), in the second half of this century»

For example, Switzerland should achieve Nett Zero before 2050 in order to be Paris compatible

But what is fairness?

Art. 9 para.1 and following

«Developed country Parties shall provide financial resources to assist developing country Parties with respect to both mitigation and adaptation in continuation of their existing obligations under the Convention»

At least 100 billions per year from 2020 onwards



WITH ONE MAIN INSTRUMENT

Art. 4 para.2

«Each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive **nationally determined contributions** that it intends to achieve (...)»

- Universal
- Mandatorily improved over time and reviewed every 5 years

But...

- Actual NDCs = +2.7 3.7 °C : We are not on track
- Non-legally binding, only peer-pressure
- Still many modalities to be determined (in the Paris Rulebook)







AN HISTORIC ENTRY INTO FORCE



196 parties have signed and 176 parties have ratified the Paris Agreement

- The Paris Agreement entered into force on 4 November 2016 (conditions: 55 Parties accounting for at least 55 % of the total global GHG-emissions have deposited their instruments of ratification)
- Until 2020 the USA are still obliged under international law and cannot leave the Paris Agreement
- Still in negotiations: the Paris Rulebook



THE PEOPLE RED LINES HAVE BEEN CROSSED





A CIVIL SOCIETY PERSPECTIVE ON THE CONTENT

What is sorely missing:

- The words "Fossil fuels", even though >80% must stay in the ground
- No quantified decarbonization
- No goals for renewable energies, even though Paris's goals cannot be met without (100% renewable)
- Aviation and maritime transport
- Respect for Human Rights as a legally binding principle
- A concrete plan to achieve temperature and net zero emissions ("No roadmap")
- Lost & damage and climate finance are still fuzzy





A REALITY CHECK

Annual Global Total Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GtCO₂e)



WORLDWIDE MOBILIZATION



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A SHIFT WAS BORN, NOT ONLY ON PAPER

The mind set must change toward *complete decarbonization* and maintenance of forest (sinks)

- There is no "abroad" under Paris, everyone must do his fair share
- Abroad compensation is therefore theoretically only a time delay
- Some countries must reach net zero before others
- The transition must be just

Hundreds of organizations representing millions of people are active around the world preparing and pushing for the shift toward climate (and environment) friendly societies





SWISS CLIMATE POLICY

CO2-Law (2020-2030)

- CO2 tax
- Standards for cars
- Program for buildings
- Trading scheme with the EU

-50% by 2030 compared to 1990 (already pledged: -20% by 2020)

Energy Strategy

- Goals in term of energy consumption and development of renewable energy
- Measures for more energy efficiency
- Incentives for renewable energy



IS THAT ENOUGH FOR PARIS?



Source: Climate Action Tracker



SWITZERLAND'S COMPATIBLE WITH PARIS CLIMATE PROTECTION PATH Domestic emissions in Mio.tCO₂ Plan Federal Council - 20% till 20 - 30% till 2030 Target gap Net zero before 2040 - 67% till 2030 Source: Study by Ernst Basler + Partner AG 2017 Remaining CO2 budget for Switzerland (<2°C) (assumption: same per

capita budget worldwide since 1990)



WE NEED TO DOUBLE THE ANNUAL REDUCTION INSTEAD OF HALVING IT!

From 2020, GHG reduction per year



Switzerland

EU and Switzerland nowadays

-2% per

year

Compatible with Paris

-4% pe

year



HOW IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE NET ZERO EMISSIONS

Switzerland has no long-term plan for net zero, but those do:



- ✓ Island from 2040
- ✓ Sweden from 2045 (measures already set)
- ✓ France from 2050
- ✓ EU from 2050 (still in the parliament)



HOW IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE OIL HEATING

- Switzerland is the country in Europe with the most oil heating systems.
- Each oil heating system is responsible for 150 t CO2 during its life time.
- No ban is planned.



- Denmark: Ban on new oil and gas heating since 2016
- Norway: Oil heating ban from 2020
- ✓ Sweden: Share of fossil heating <5% in 2017</p>



HOW IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE TRANSPORATION

- Before the Energy Strategy came into force, Switzerland had much higher emission values for new vehicles than the EU
- No ban on new only fossil-fuelled cars planned in Switzerland, but those countries do:



- ✓ Norway: 2025
- ✓ Germany: 2030 (under discussion)
- ✓ India: 2030 electric
- ✓ Scotland: 2032
- ✓ Netherlands: 2035
- ✓ France: 2040
- ✓ UK: 2040



ONLY DOMESTIC EMISSIONS?





YOUTH CLIMATE



AWARENESS EXISTS, MOBILIZATION IS NEEDED

\rightarrow People know about the problem

Pour vous, quel est le degré de gravité des menaces suivantes?

Question échelonnée de 1 (très faible) à 5 (très élevé)

Changement climatique	3,3
Effondrement du système des retraites	3
Crise financière / économique	2,7
Terrorisme	2,5
Chômage	2,5
Nouvelle pandémie	2

\rightarrow A majority wants to act – and expects politicians to act

F17: Da der Klimawandel ein globales Phänomen ist, ...

Filter: Kein Filter | skalierte Frage: 1= stimme überhaupt nicht zu bis 5= stimme sehr zu







MOBILIZATION FOR YOUNG GENERATION AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Intergenerational equity: equality should be sought in the distribution of wellbeing between generations



Largest generation of youth in History

- → How many political or economic decisionmakers are less than 30 years old?
- → How many participate to climate policy development?

The last generation to change the game



SWISS CIVIL SOCIETY DEMANDS

Implementing the Paris Agreement in Switzerland means:

"Zero" is the target: net zero emissions from 2050 applies worldwide. However, many emitters must reach zero beforehand - Switzerland by 2038.

Doubling effort instead of slowing down: The current annual reduction rate must be accelerated from 2% per year to 4% (instead of slowing down to 1%).

Taking global responsibility: Wealthy countries use excessively the "atmosphere". Switzerland must therefore support adaptation measures against climate impacts with at least USD 1 billion per year on a polluter-pays basis.

Emissions reduction abroad does not replace domestic climate action: However, actions abroad make sense in order to reduce our enormous climate impact abroad to zero.

No blind spots: consistent rules for all CO2-intensive activities in all sectors (including transport, financial centre and co-induced emissions abroad).

Source: Klimaallianz

LET'S DO IT!







