



Emilia-Romagna:

Working with
government and
the public to deliver
a new Climate Pact

Carbon neutrality by 2050
and a transition to 100%
renewable energy by

2035

While managing the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, Emilia-Romagna has committed itself as a region to placing social, economic and environmental sustainability at the heart of government policies. In practice this is intended to build a better approach to climate action in line with the United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.



Emilia-Romagna
Population: 4,461,000
GDP: \$178 billion

Emilia-Romagna intends to develop a Regional Labour and Climate pact together with the local authorities, universities, employers, trade unions and non-profit sector, in order to agree and progress a full employment and green transition. The Pact is a political commitment that will benefit the preparation of programming structural funds, European social funds and rural development funds 2021-2027, as well as ensuring the optimal and complementary use of regional, national and EU funds.

With this Pact, Emilia-Romagna is determined to share its latest ambitious goals of carbon neutrality by 2050 and a transition to 100% renewable energy by 2035. The regional government believes that for active change to occur, ambitions and ideas



We're trying to rebuild in a new direction. Let's not go back to normal, because normal was part of the problem. Let's try, together with the other regions, to share this effort and write a new page for a better future.

Elly Schlein,
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supporting that change must be shared with local institutions and bodies. Only by working together can this change be implemented fully in society.

Emilia-Romagna wants to expand the principles of this work to integrate even more ambitious and complex government objectives such as the fight against inequality and pursuit of a just ecological transition, inclusive growth and developmental policies, compensation for territorial imbalances, and long term environmental and climate sustainability.

Some of Emilia-Romagna's plans to improve air quality, develop clean energy, fight climate change and build a green economy include:

- Renewing local bus fleets by replacing at least 600 buses with low impact vehicles.
- Improving sustainable mobility by:
 - Injecting over €14 million into bicycle mobility, pedestrianisation and implementing restricted traffic zones.
 - Scrapping commercial vehicles which emit pollutants and increasing greener urban areas by 20%.
 - Coordinating climate work with other regions of the Po Valley through the “Regional Integrated Air Plan 2020” to improve areas including transport, heating and energy.
 - Banning the use of open and low-efficiency wood-powered fireplaces under 300 meters of altitude (from October to March).
 - Banning the use of air-conditioning systems in common spaces of buildings (garages, stairs etc.)
 - Allocating €125.6 million for integrated agricultural production and €117.8 million for organic production.

These developments form part of Emilia-Romagna's larger infrastructural strategies and plans in order to bring in a greener economy for the region.

