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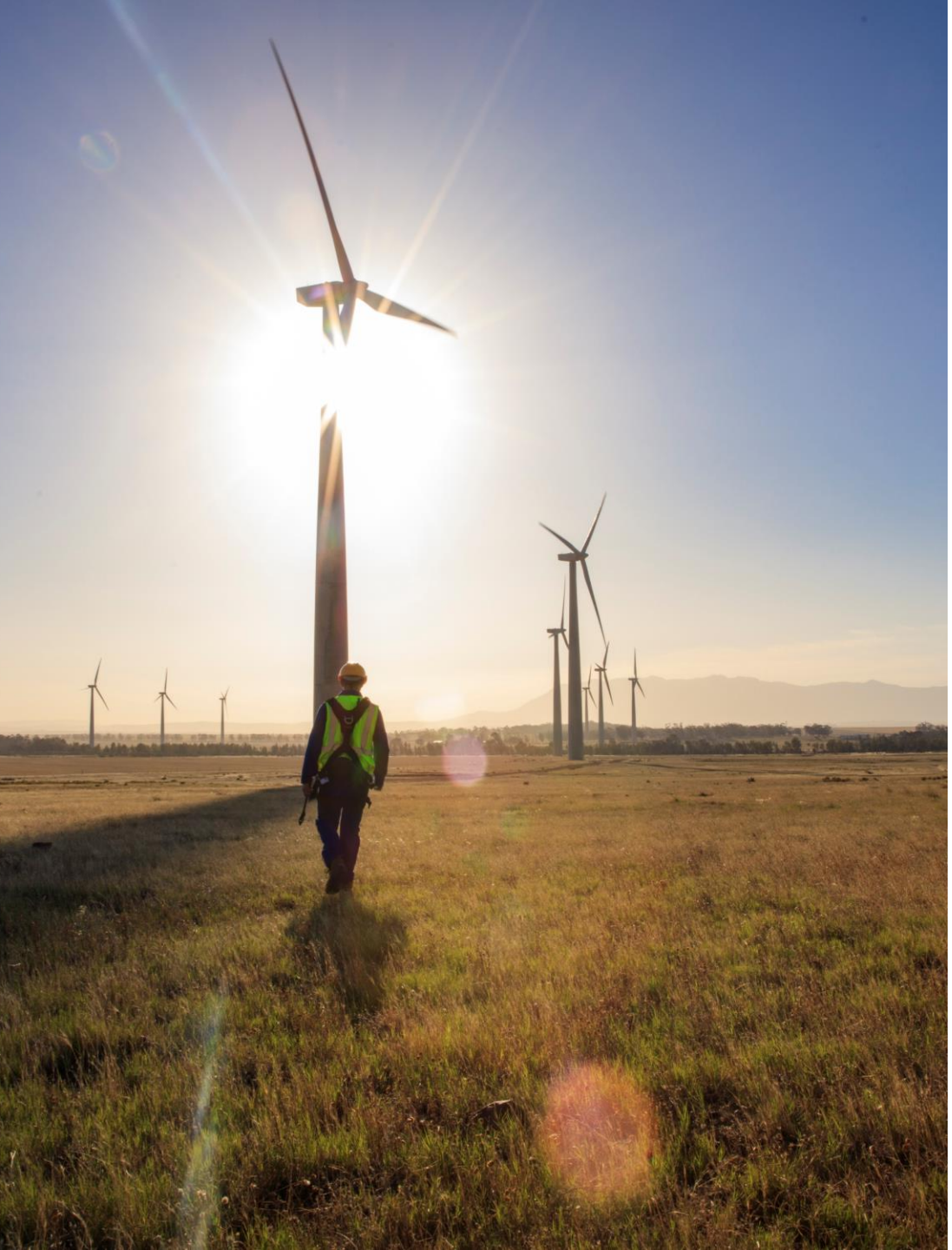
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Kazakhstan Approves Action Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2060

Kazakhstan approved an Action Plan to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060, translating its long-term climate strategy into concrete policy measures. The roadmap includes regional decarbonization plans, carbon market expansion, climate finance mechanisms and a national Carbon Fund. It also supports hydrogen development, carbon credit projects and climate adaptation measures. The initiative is expected to guide the country’s low-carbon transition while aligning economic development and industrial modernization with climate objectives.

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Kazakhstan Considers Energy Storage Law and Green Energy Development Concept

Kazakhstan's Ministry of Energy plans to develop legislation on energy storage systems and prepare a Green Energy Development Concept. The initiative aims to improve grid resilience and support the growing integration of renewable energy sources. Energy storage is expected to strengthen system stability, balance intermittent generation and enable further renewable capacity growth. The measures form part of broader efforts to enhance energy security and accelerate the country's energy transition.

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AIX Launches Central Asia's First Exchange-Traded Carbon Credit Market

Astana International Exchange launched Central Asia's first exchange-traded voluntary carbon credit market.
The platform enables trading of Verified Carbon Standard credits through a regulated exchange environment. It is designed to improve price transparency, strengthen carbon market infrastructure and increase investor participation.
The initiative is expected to support climate finance, stimulate emissions reduction projects and contribute to the development of regional carbon markets.

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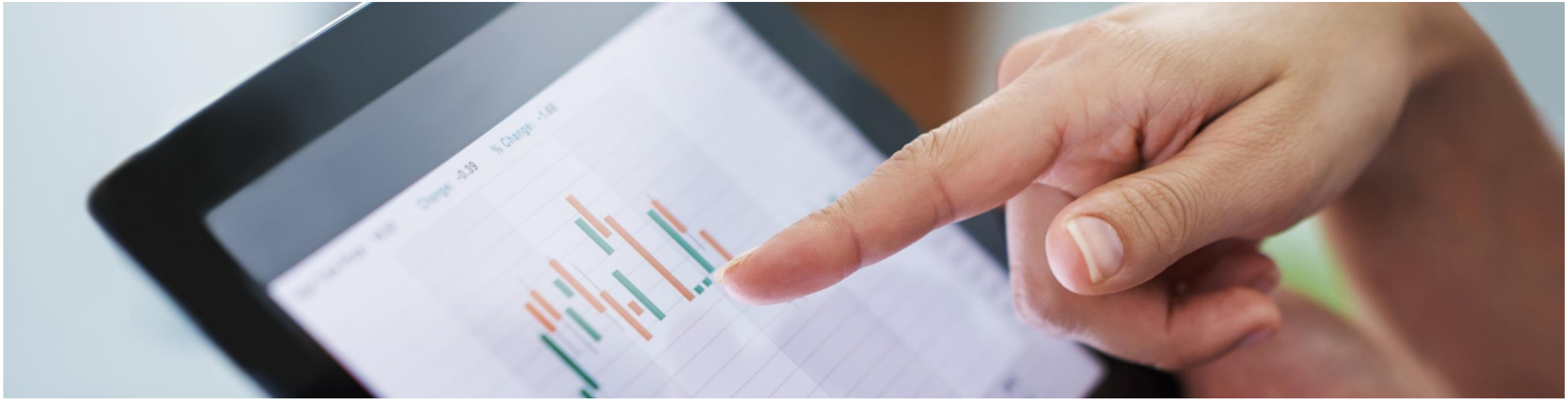


Kazakhstan Explores Blue Finance to Support Sustainable Water Management

Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, Partnership for Action on Green Economy and AIFC Green Finance Centre discussed introducing blue finance instruments in Kazakhstan. Proposed measures include blue bonds, innovative financing mechanisms and a national blue taxonomy for water-related investments.

The initiative aims to mobilize capital for sustainable water management, climate resilience and water infrastructure development. It is expected to support water security objectives while attracting private investment into the sector.

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European Union Launches Green Transition Support Project in Kazakhstan

The European Union launched a new project to support Kazakhstan's green transition through stronger carbon market governance, Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism preparedness and improved industrial environmental performance. The programme will also promote digital water management solutions and institutional capacity building. Implemented with national and international partners, it aims to strengthen climate policy implementation and support the country's transition towards a low-carbon economy.

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Kyrgyz Republic Advances Sustainable Financing Framework for Water Sector Development



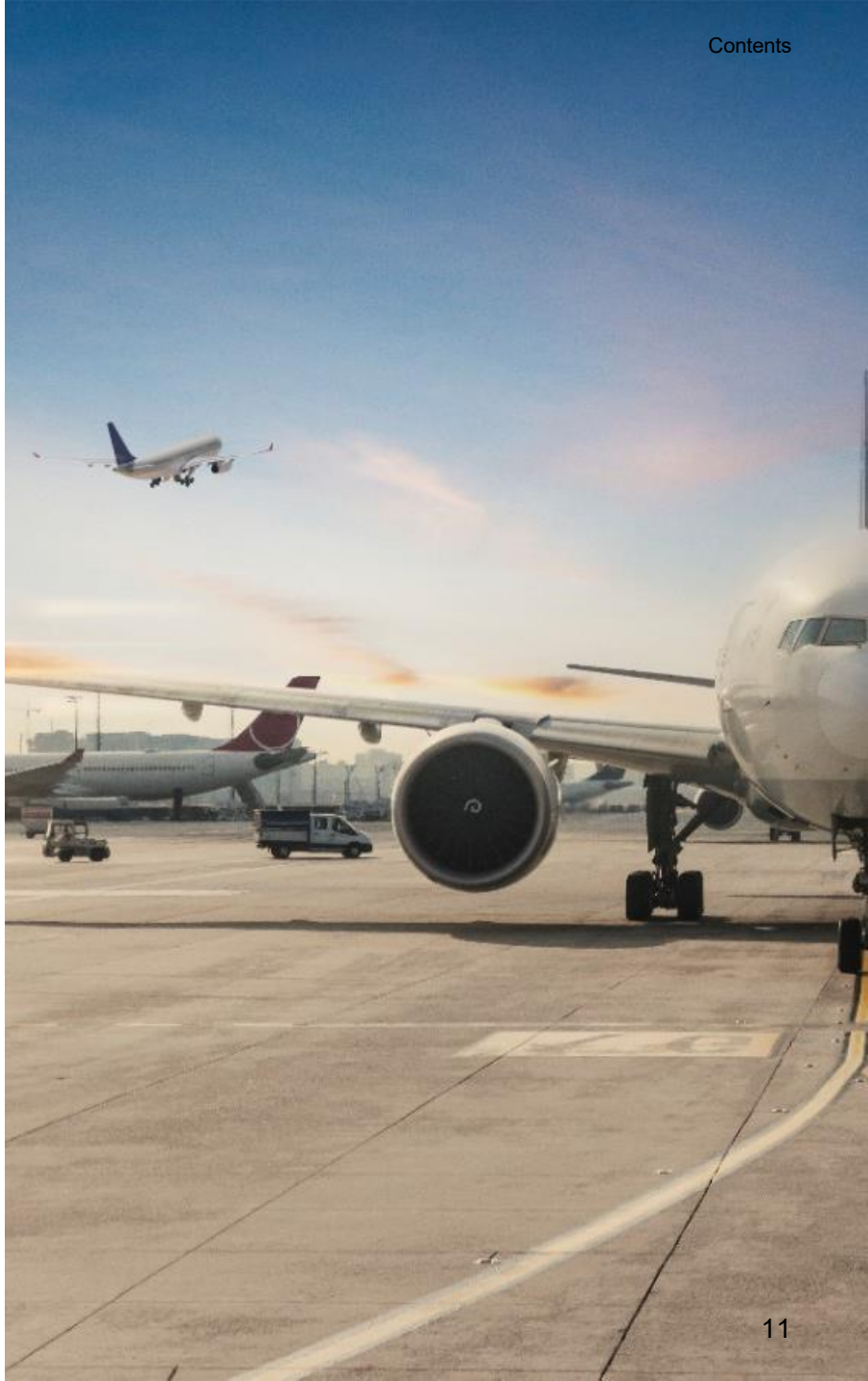
The Water Resources Service of the Kyrgyz Republic, supported by the United Nations Development Programme, outlined priorities for strengthening financial sustainability in the water sector. Discussions focused on basin planning, climate adaptation, innovative financing instruments and investment mobilisation. The framework is intended to support infrastructure modernization, improve water resource management and enhance resilience to climate-related challenges.

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AIFC Report Highlights Opportunities for Sustainable Aviation Finance in Central Asia

A new report published by the Astana International Financial Centre examines opportunities to expand aviation finance across Kazakhstan and Central Asia. The report highlights sustainable aviation finance as an emerging investment area, including financing for sustainable aviation fuels, modern aircraft fleets and low-carbon technologies. It identifies opportunities to attract international capital while supporting aviation sector growth and strengthening the region's position as an aviation and financial hub.

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ISO and UNDP launch world's first International Standard to advance action on the Sustainable Development Goals

The International Organization for Standardization and the United Nations Development Programme launched the first international standard, ISO/UNDP 53001, designed to help organizations contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals. The standard provides guidance on integrating sustainability into governance, strategy and operations. It is expected to improve consistency in sustainability practices and help organizations measure their contribution to environmental, social and economic outcomes.

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European Union Green Claims Rules Enter into Application

The European Union's Directive on Empowering Consumers for the Green Transition entered into application in September 2026, introducing stricter rules on environmental marketing claims. The legislation bans unsubstantiated green claims, strengthens requirements on product durability and reparability, and limits claims based solely on carbon offsetting. The new framework aims to reduce greenwashing, improve transparency and help consumers make more informed purchasing decisions.

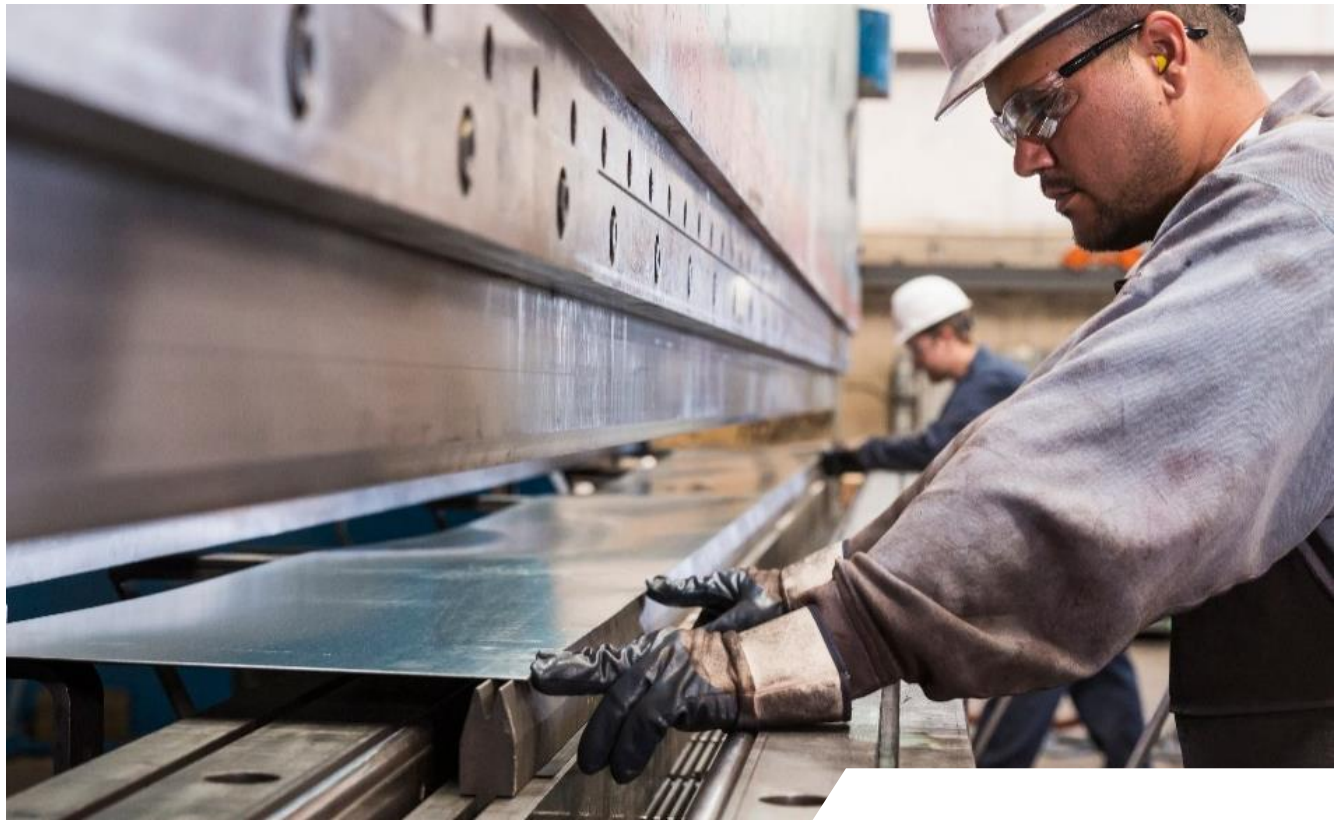
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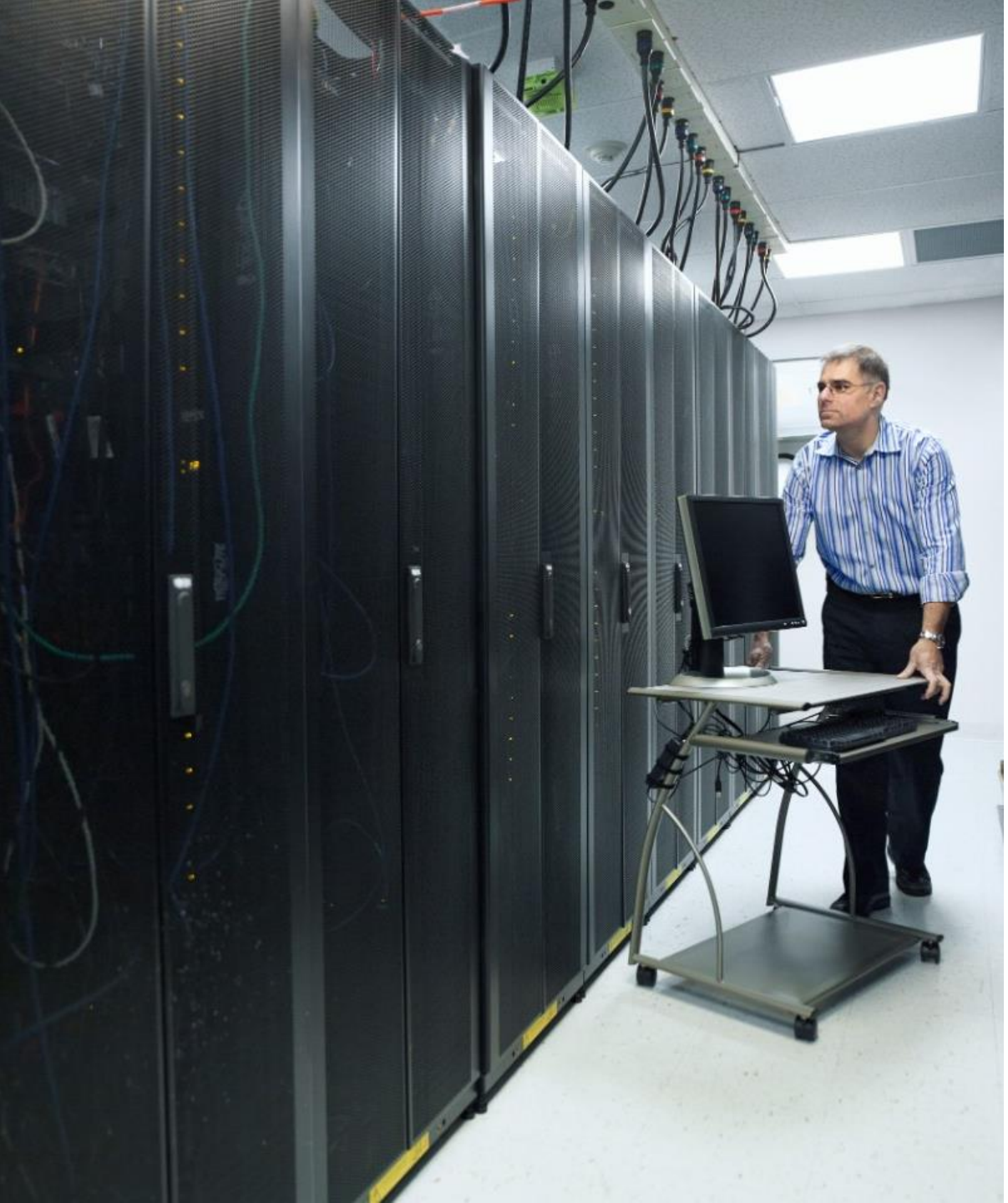


European Parliament Supports Expansion of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism Scope

The European Parliament adopted its position on proposed reforms to the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, supporting the inclusion of additional downstream iron, steel and aluminum products. The changes aim to reduce carbon leakage risks across supply chains and strengthen the effectiveness of the European Union's carbon pricing framework. Parliament also endorsed temporary support measures to assist industries with decarbonization investments and competitiveness challenges.

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European Union Introduces New Data Centre Energy Efficiency Rating System

The European Commission launched a new rating system to improve transparency regarding the environmental performance of data centers. The framework assesses indicators such as energy efficiency, renewable energy use, water consumption and operational performance. The initiative aims to support benchmarking, encourage resource efficiency and promote investment in more sustainable digital infrastructure across the European Union.

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European Commission Proposes Sustainability-Oriented Reform of Public Procurement Rules



The European Commission proposed reforms to public procurement rules that would give greater weight to environmental, social, innovation and resilience considerations in purchasing decisions. The proposal seeks to reduce reliance on lowest-price evaluations and increase the use of quality-based criteria. Given the scale of public procurement across the European Union, the reform could accelerate climate action, support circular economy objectives and strengthen supply chain resilience.

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Global Green Bond Initiative Mobilizes Up to EUR 20bn for Sustainable Investment

EU Commission and EIB leadership will co-host a signature event marking the successful launch of the Global Green Bond Initiative (GGBI). GGBI brings together eight European development finance institutions and the UN Green Climate Fund under the Global Gateway strategy. The initiative aims to mobilize up to EUR 20bn in private capital for sustainable investment in EU partner countries. The event will gather heads of partner states and leaders of partner institutions. It will take place at the UN General Assembly.

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UN Adopts Declaration on Sea Level Rise and Coastal Resilience

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a declaration addressing the growing risks associated with sea level rise and its implications for communities, infrastructure and economic activity. The declaration calls for stronger international cooperation on ocean observation, climate monitoring, adaptation planning, scientific research and early warning systems. According to discussions presented during the initiative, sea levels are rising at more than twice the rate recorded during the early years of satellite observations, increasing risks for ports, transport systems, coastal settlements and global trade.

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UK Launches Consultation on Future Sustainability Reporting Requirements



The United Kingdom Government launched a consultation on modernizing corporate reporting requirements, including the future role of sustainability and ESG disclosures. The proposals seek to simplify reporting obligations while maintaining decision-useful information for investors. The consultation also addresses the future application of the United Kingdom Sustainability Reporting Standards, which are aligned with IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards.

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Germany Publishes Roadmap for Phasing Out Fossil Fuels by 2045



Germany published a national roadmap outlining the policies and sector-specific strategies required to achieve climate neutrality and phase out the energy use of fossil fuels by 2045. The document sets out measures across the energy, industry, transport and buildings sectors and provides a strategic framework for implementing the country's long-term climate commitments.
The roadmap highlights the importance of continued investment, technological innovation and international cooperation in achieving decarbonization objectives.

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UNCCD and Luxembourg Launch Drought Resilience Investment Facility

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Government of Luxembourg launched the Drought Resilience Investment Facility, the first global financing platform dedicated exclusively to mobilizing capital for drought resilience initiatives. The facility aims to address growing climate-related risks by supporting investment in projects that strengthen water security, land restoration and climate adaptation. The initiative seeks to bridge the financing gap associated with drought-related risks by bringing together public institutions, development partners and private investors.

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Turkey Publishes Regulation Establishing National Emissions Trading System

Turkey adopted regulation establishing the legal framework for a national emissions trading system. The framework introduces rules for carbon market governance, emissions monitoring and compliance, creating the basis for carbon pricing across key sectors of the economy. The initiative is expected to support emissions reductions, strengthen alignment with international climate policies and improve the competitiveness of Turkish exporters.

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World Bank and BNDES Launch USD 2.86bn Industrial Decarbonization Programme in Brazil

The World Bank Group and Brazil's National Bank for Economic and Social Development launched a programme expected to mobilize approximately USD 2.86bn for industrial decarbonization. The initiative will support investments in low-carbon technologies, energy efficiency, sustainable fuels and industrial modernization. By combining public and private financing, the programme aims to reduce emissions from energy-intensive industries while supporting economic growth and industrial competitiveness.

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