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Court upholds EU climate rules - EU must now show leadership in Antalya

COP31

Today, the Court of Justice of the European Union dismissed cases brought by the former far-right PiS government of Poland against the Fit for 55 climate files. As the COP31 Climate conference kicks off in Antalya, today's ruling should encourage the Commission's negotiating team to lead on getting ambitious and far-reaching agreements in Türkiye.

Kai Tegethoff MEP, Greens/EFA Group and Volt Member of the official European Parliament delegation to COP31, comments:

"This ruling sends a clear message: Europe is not just setting climate targets, we are putting laws in place to deliver on them. The Court has provided important legal certainty by upholding key parts of the EU's climate legislation. Instead of fighting old battles over the legal framework, we can now focus on what really matters: implementing concrete measures to cut emissions.

"The timing could hardly be better, with implementation high on the agenda at COP31 in Antalya. This is the EU's next chance to show that we are serious about our commitments. Europe needs to reclaim its climate leadership."

Pär Holmgren MEP, Greens/EFA Group Member of the official European Parliament delegation to COP31, comments:

"The court has backed the EU's flagship climate laws and Europe must now act as a global leader over the coming days at COP.

"No single government should be able to veto our climate future. Instead of watering down climate legislation on ETS2, the combustion engine and the social climate fund, governments should deliver them so that we can halt climate breakdown and ensure that no one is left behind."

More:

Next week from Monday on, Greens/EFA MEPs Kai Tegethoff and Pär Holmgren will be in Antalya as

part of the official European Parliament delegation. Greens/EFA MEPs Ufuk Kâhya, Sara Matthieu and Michael Bloss will also attend COP31. Should you wish to speak with any of our MEPs on the ground in Türkiye, please get in touch.

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