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**European Union policies and their role in combating climate change over the years**



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**Introduction**

- Climate change is one of today's biggest problems. Many countries are developing their own plans to adapt to the expected impacts.
- To combat climate change, the EU formulates and implements policies and strategies, playing a leading role in international climate negotiations.
- These policies will help to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals that were approved with the 2030 Agenda in 2015.



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- EU environmental policies and laws protect the atmosphere and contribute to water sanitation, ensure waste disposal, and help businesses move towards a sustainable economy.
- European environmental policy is based on Articles 11 and 191 to 193 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

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**Main milestones in the fight against climate change**

- 1984: The United Nations World Conference on the Causes and Mitigation of Desertification...
- 1987: The United Nations Convention on Environment and Development is signed.
- 1992: The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is signed.
- 1997: The Kyoto Protocol is agreed to provide the legal basis for the international climate change regime.
- 2009: The Copenhagen Accord is signed, which is not legally binding.
- 2015: The Paris Agreement is signed, which is legally binding and sets the goal of limiting global warming to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

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