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## **The EU Climate Change Policy: Law, Strategy and Practice**

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### Abstract

Climate change is currently a global issue faced by human beings. Combating climate change is a top priority for the EU policy. In 2007 the EU endorsed an integrated approach to climate and energy policy and committed to transforming the EU into a highly energy-efficient, low Carbon economy. The EU has long been a driving force in international negotiations for larger global actions to structure an effective global climate regime. This paper focuses primarily on examining climate change law, strategy and practices in the EU. The following core issues are exploited: What is the concept and impacts of climate change on the EU? What is the legal framework, decision-making procedure, institutional structure of the EU's climate change policy? To what extent the EU's climate change policy is influenced by the European Council and the EU's foreign policy under the Lisbon Treaty? What is the strategy adopted by EU at the international negotiations on

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climate change? And what's the significance and impacts of the EU model of climate change policy on third countries and international organizations?

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