



## Net-zero is possible, but we'd better hurry up!

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**This month's issues brings with it a fresh hope for a greener future, while simultaneously lighting a fire under the global collective to act NOW!**

An historic ruling from Europe's highest human rights court setting new global precedence for government to take more responsibility for the climate (in)action, and a \$7 bn American investment in solar has us jumping for joy!

Short lived is our excitement, however, as Scotland reveals makes a 180° on it's climate targets, just as we hear from experts that our time is running out!

*Want to set some ambitious goals towards net-zero and take actual steps towards them this year? **Email us at [info@mycarbon.co.uk](mailto:info@mycarbon.co.uk) and find out how to take your first steps in the right direction!***

### **MyCarbon's Commentary**

*"President Biden's announcement of a \$7 billion investment in the "Solar for All" initiative is a pivotal step in the decarbonization process, through increasing the availability of renewable energy. This investment not only targets a shift from fossil fuels to cleaner, sustainable solar power, but also improves the availability of the benefits, ensuring that low-income and disadvantaged communities can gain both economic and environmental advantages.*

*The program will achieve a cut in carbon emissions and distribute both energy savings and job opportunities, demonstrating an inclusive approach to environmental action. The launch of the American Climate Corps, which creates jobs for young Americans in sustainable projects, further supports the aims of environmental sustainability and economic growth. This initiative will be instrumental in building a skilled workforce ready to support a future green economy.*

*Strategies like this are essential for the U.S. to meet its ambitious goals of a carbon-neutral power sector by 2035 and a net-zero emissions economy by 2050. By integrating renewable energy investments with workforce development, Biden's policy sets a comprehensive model that aligns environmental sustainability with economic and social benefits."*

*(Dr Scott Christy, Senior Carbon Consultant)*

Find about how Scott feels about the latest SBTi announcement in his opinion piece: ["What's been going on with the SBTi?"](#)

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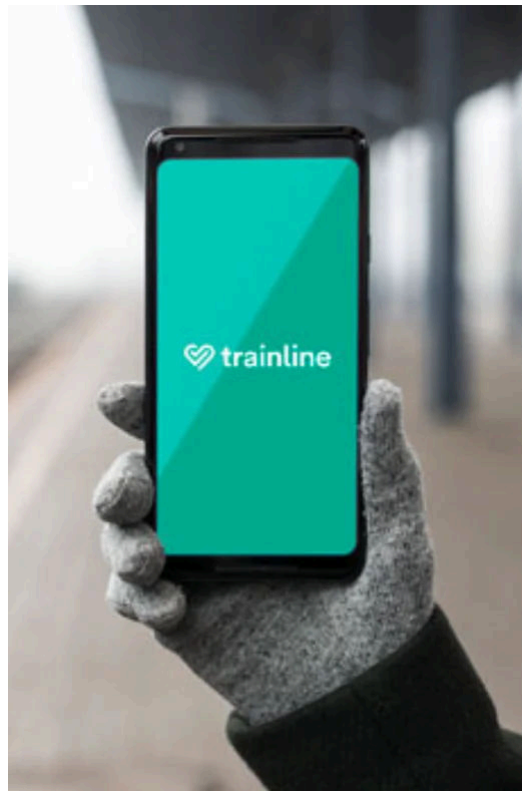
## WHAT'S NEW WITH US?

### **Trainline: Navigating Emissions Beyond the Track**

We've had the pleasure of working hand-in-hand with [Trainline](#) on their net-zero goals. Together we've calculated and provided a roadmap to reduce their carbon footprint, offset their emissions, and gain SBTi approval – all while navigating the complexities of emissions generated via their digital advertising!

Check out their case study to see how we supported Trainline on this journey.

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## THE GOOD

### **Swiss women win landmark climate case at Europe top human rights court**

**Europe's highest human rights court ruled against Switzerland, backing 2,000 Swiss women who challenged the government's climate efforts.** While dismissing two cases, the verdict underscores the urgent need for climate action. Switzerland faces pressure to intensify emissions reduction. This ruling sets a global precedent, signaling a shift towards government accountability for climate change. Legal ramifications loom if policies aren't updated, amplifying the call for decisive action to combat climate crisis.

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**Biden marks Earth Day with \$7bn 'solar for all' investment amid week of climate action**



**President Biden commemorated Earth Day with a \$7bn solar energy investment focused on marginalised communities**, following restrictions on Alaska's oil and gas leases. This initiative, generating 200,000 jobs, prioritises affordable solar access for low-income households.

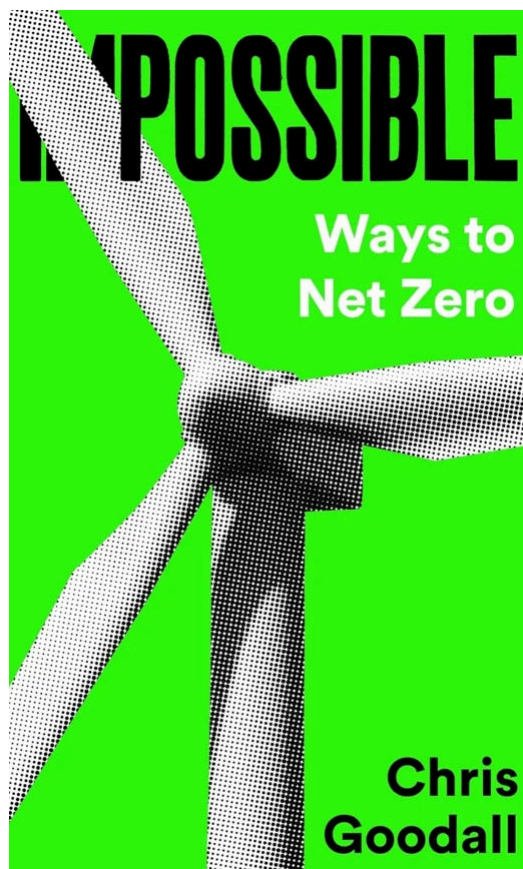
Biden also introduced the *American Climate Corps*, emphasising the critical need to combat climate change. These measures signify a crucial step towards a greener, more inclusive future.

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## ‘A Beautiful Idea’: This French Town is Making its Cemetery a Source of Solar Energy

**Good news:** according to Chris Goodall's new book *"Possible: Ways to Net Zero"*, **while challenging, it's not impossible to decarbonise hard-to-abate sectors like cement, steel, aviation, and shipping!** Steel production, a major emitter, could shift to green alternatives like hydrogen-based direct reduction or electrification. However, this transition requires substantial clean electricity. Additionally, capital investment for green steel from hydrogen is estimated at €1.3 trillion spread over 25 years. **The key challenge remains achieving low electricity prices to make green steel economically viable.**

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## THE BAD ✖

### **‘Two years to save the world’: UN climate chief calls for faster action and more finance**

In his address, UN climate agency chief **Simon Stiell** underscored the **urgent need for immediate action to combat climate change**. Highlighting the critical role of national climate plans, he emphasised the global significance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and securing stronger financial commitments.

**Stiell's call coincides with upcoming global finance meetings and a pivotal 2025 deadline for carbon pollution reduction strategies**. He stressed that collective efforts are essential to address the escalating climate crisis and mitigate its impact on vulnerable communities worldwide.

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### **Scotland to ditch key climate change target**



**The Scottish government is pivoting from its ambitious emissions target, aiming to scrap the goal of reducing greenhouse gases by 75% by 2030.** Despite prior commitments, they've missed eight of the last 12 targets. Now, with the 75% milestone deemed unattainable, a shift in strategy is imminent. **This retreat, while reflecting a practical acknowledgment of challenges, contrasts with past leadership on climate action.** The road ahead may involve adopting new approaches, signaling a crucial juncture in Scotland's environmental policy.

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## **Just 57 companies linked to 80% of greenhouse gas emissions since 2016**

**A study has unveiled a startling reality: just 57 entities, including oil, gas, coal, and cement producers, account for 80% of the world's fossil CO2 emissions since the 2016 Paris agreement.** Despite global pledges to cut emissions, these major players ramped up fossil fuel output post-Paris. Notably, state and state-owned producers, particularly in Asian coal, fueled emissions growth. Amidst mounting climate threats, calls intensify for accountability and action from these entities. The study underscores the urgent need for transformative measures in the face of escalating climate risks.

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