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In the letter of intent accompanying the State of the Union 2021, the Commission announces key new initiatives for 2022. One of these initiatives is a legislative proposal on carbon removal certification, as part of the European Green Deal.

On 19 October the European Commission adopted its work programme for 2022. The legislative proposal for carbon removal certification is expected in the final quarter (Q4) of 2022. An impact assessment will accompany the proposal. The need to scale up sustainable carbon removals in view of climate targets drive the proposal, according to the Commission communication, with the goal to create a new business model rewarding land managers for actions to increase removals.

The idea of a carbon removal certification (CRC) scheme was first mentioned by the Commission in the 2020 New Circular Economy Action Plan (see separate file).

In the LULUCF revision proposal (see separate file), CRC is proposed as a potential preamble to establishing a carbon trading system for land sector removals, from 2030.

In connection with the December 2020 communication on Sustainable Carbon Cycles the Commission announced that it will launch a Call for Evidence in January 2022, to further inform the process towards adoption of a regulatory framework on certified carbon removals within the EU.

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