

Shell's climate ambition does not come close to Paris' climate targets.

Research shows that the most recent climate plans by Shell, BP, Total, ENI and others are nowhere near enough to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. This is the limit at which the global consequences of climate change may still be reversible. After a thorough check, the plans of the 8 oil and gas giants investigated turn out to be much less solid than these companies would have the public believe. This is evident from the report Big Oil - Reality Check published in September by Oil Change International in cooperation with Milieudefensie, SOMO and Both ENDS.

Shells climate ambition

Shell announced its renewed climate ambition in April 2020. According to the company, it is in line with the Paris Agreement. Unfortunately, this is not true. This ambition does not contribute to limiting global warming by 1.5 degrees or well below 2 degrees. What is more, the concrete plans are potentially a major threat to these objectives.

Shell's ambition is to reduce its Net Carbon Footprint by 30% in 2035 and by 65% in 2050, compared to 2016. Shell's climate ambition is therefore a relative and not an absolute reduction in CO2 emissions. The ambition therefore says nothing about the actual emission reductions Shell will achieve. By opting for a relative reduction and assuming that CO2 can be extracted from the air in the future, Shell can achieve its climate ambition without reducing its actual emissions. In fact, Shell can achieve its ambition even if its emissions grow rather than decrease.

In order to prevent dangerous climate change, it is essential that global emissions are reduced as quickly as possible. This means, also for Shell, that their absolute emissions must be reduced.

The oil and gas giants along the ruler

None of the oil and gas companies investigated are contributing sufficiently to the achievement of the Paris Agreement. In the table below the different companies are assessed on the basis of ten criteria. Shell scores an unsatisfactory score on almost all subjects.

More information about the study and the full report can be found on [the Oil Change International website](https://oilchangeinternational.com/).

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