

EU 2020 Targets

The EU strategy “Europe 2020” has set five headline targets which have been agreed across the EU. These are shown in the table below. UK targets are also shown, but it should be noted that the UK government has not set targets in a number of cases.

Target			EU target	UK target
1	Employment	75% of 20-64 year olds to be employed	75%	No target
2	R&D	3% of the EU's GDP to be invested in R&D/innovation	3%	No target
3	Climate change/energy	Greenhouse gas emissions 20% lower than in 1990	-20%	-16%
		20% of energy from renewables	20%	15%
		20% increase in energy efficiency	20%	n/a
4	Education	Reducing school drop-out rates below 10%	20%	No target
		At least 40% of 30-34 year olds completing third level education	40%	No target
5	Poverty/social exclusion	At least 20m fewer people in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion	20m	Existing numerical targets of the 2010 Child Poverty Act

Source: http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/targets/eu-targets/index_en.htm and http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/pdf/targets_en.pdf

The following table shows baseline information for the Falkirk area – where available – against each of the Europe 2020 targets. This will allow progress in Falkirk to be monitored against the EU targets. Because the UK government has not chosen to set targets for all the indicators, it has been necessary to find a reasonable equivalent figure.

Target			EU target	Baseline	
				Falkirk	Scotland
1	Employment	% of 20-64 year olds employed*	75%	74.8%	73.3%
2	R&D	% of GDP invested in R&D/innovation**	3%	£3.587m	£644.3m
3	Climate change/energy	Greenhouse gas emissions compared to 1990***	-20%	3,542 kt	41,253 kt
		Energy from renewables****	20%	0.3%	3.8%
		Increase in energy efficiency****	20%	1,151 kt	13,815 kt
4	Education	Reducing school drop-out rates below 10%*****	10%	21%	28%
		% of 30-34 year olds completing third level education *****	40%	38.0%	46.9%
5	Poverty/social exclusion	Fewer people in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion*****	20m	15,330	531,420

* Source: Annual Population Survey April 2010-March 2011

** Source: Expenditure on R&D performed within businesses in Scotland 2009

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/981/0109597.xls>

*** Source: Figures for 2005 – from Dept of Energy and Climate Change kt = kilotonnes of carbon dioxide

**** Source: Department of Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform – experimental statistics for 2003. kt = kilotonnes

***** Source: 100% less S4 to S5 staying on rates (Post Christmas) 2010:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/920/0120955.xls#Table 2.3!A1>

***** Source: Annual Population Survey Jan 1010-Dec 2010 – 30-39 year olds

*****: Source: The Scottish Government recommends using the number of children living in households in receipt of out of work benefits or in receipt of Child Tax Credit other than the family element as the best proxy indicator of child poverty available at a local authority level <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/03/14094421/4>.

These figures relate to 2007/08.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/933/0088607.xls>