



General

- The European Commission presented the [European Green Deal](#) proposal ([communication + roadmap](#)) on 11 December 2019.
- The European Council of [12 December 2019](#) confirmed the principle of climate neutrality.
- The European Parliament on 15 January 2020 adopted [a resolution](#) supporting the Green Deal by a large majority.
- The roadmap accompanying the Commission's communication gives an indicative timing of the expected initiatives.
- The Commission has published the [work programme for 2021](#).

Current affairs

- New reflections and analysis on the importance of a Green Deal in economic recovery: [Fergus Lyon](#), [secretaris-generaal Ángel Gurría van de OESO](#), [Tanja Gönner](#), [Inger Andersen](#).
- Investors are concerned that implementation of the European Recovery Plan is not moving fast enough. ([Euractiv](#))
- META on the [Portuguese presidency](#).
- A policy brief from Germanwatch on [the role of the European Semester](#) for green recovery policies.
- How can recovery plans contribute to a more sustainable and resilient world? A [new report](#).
- Positive reactions to the appointment of Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala as the new Director-General of the World Trade Organisation. ([Climate Home News](#))
- How do G20 countries invest public funds for energy? [Energy Policy Tracker](#) provides an overview.
- Globally, a large part of heavy industry is not yet on track to meet the Paris climate targets. European companies do better on average. ([Euractiv](#))
- Is climate change causing oil, gas or nuclear power plants to produce less electricity? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Sustainable cooling must become an important part of recovery plans. This is shown in a [new report](#).
- Is the focus on 'carbon removal' distracting from the need to reduce emissions? ([Coralie Boulard](#))

- A letter from CAN Europe to Commissioner Timmermans on [climate adaptation](#).
- How big is the remaining carbon budget? ([EnergyPost](#))
- A recent report shows that some members of the Commission seem to have had close ties to the fossil industry until recently. ([Euractiv](#), [Global Witness](#))
- NGOs are concerned about the place of [fossil fuels](#) in member states' recovery plans. ([Euractiv](#))
- Pieter de Pous on [Nord Stream 2](#).
- Is the fossil industry looking for a new market in the production of plastics? ([ClientEarth](#))
- Europe is a frontrunner in hydrogen. ([Euractiv](#))
- The position of [CAN Europe](#) on hydrogen.
- In the Netherlands, [energy cooperatives](#) are playing an increasingly important role in the energy system.
- Were the power cuts caused by the severe winter weather in Texas the result of renewable energy, as some claim? Or is the reality more nuanced? ([The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- What were the consequences of the Covid-19 economic shocks for Member States? Did they represent an opportunity for a more sustainable economy? An [article](#).
- [EASAC](#) on the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive.
- Carbon Market Watch on [alternatives to carbon offsetting](#).
- Discussions on the Energy Charter Treaty continue among the EU Member States. The Commission will make proposals for a reform([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EU Observer](#), [Climate Home News](#), [META](#))
- [CAN Europe](#), [Frank Umbach](#) and [Marine Seghezzi](#) on the Energy Charter Treaty.
- How can cohesion policy contribute to the new Bauhaus? A [briefing](#).
- France wants Europe to produce more electronic components itself. ([Reuters](#))
- A report by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and the IEEP on a [circular and climate neutral industry](#).
- META on European '[repair heroes](#)'.
- An [article](#) about recycling of concrete and circular construction.
- An [article](#) on data and information in circular business strategies.
- An [article](#) on the role of artificial intelligence in a circular waste policy.
- An [article](#) on the ecological impact of clothing rental systems in a product-service system.
- PWC on the challenge for the EU on [plastic waste](#).
- An NGO paper on determining the [presence of recycled plastic](#) in products.
- The EU is now a frontrunner for electric mobility. But whether it will remain so depends on new EU rules. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Can the EU learn from the US when it comes to green mobility? ([IEEP](#))
- The aviation industry has published a plan to become climate neutral by 2050. ([Euractiv](#))
- TUMI published the report '[21Heroes2021](#)', about 21 people who have made an outstanding contribution to a better mobility policy in 2020.
- The Commission will give 60,000 young people an Interrail pass to travel by train across the EU by 2022. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on sustainable mobility and 'lock-in' in rural areas.
- Air pollution is probably partly responsible for the decline in human fertility. This is shown in a new study. ([The Guardian](#))
- An [article](#) with a discourse analysis of the Green Deal.
- Meeting Paris climate targets could save millions of lives by 2040. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- GRI strongly supports the EU's [due diligence](#) plans.
- There is a need for better data for ESG investments. ([Reuters](#))
- Janine Guillot on the EU framework for non-financial reporting. ([Euractiv](#))

- Is there pressure to delay the introduction of the taxonomy for sustainable finance? ([Novethic](#))
- An article on green finance and a sustainable recovery after Covid-19. ([Economics Observatory](#))
- UNEP FI presented three reports on financial institutions' [management of climate risks](#).
- A call from Finance Watch and others to review the [European fiscal framework](#). ([Greenpeace](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- How can banks manage climate risks? [A report](#) by I4CE.
- How do asset managers react to the European plans for sustainable finance? ([IPE](#))
- Financial regulators in the EU and the US deal with climate risks differently. ([Bruegel](#))
- In the report '[Making Peace with Nature](#)', UNEP explains how the climate crisis, the loss of biodiversity and pollution can be tackled together within the framework of the SDGs. ([The Guardian](#))
- The EU wants to protect 30% of its land and sea. ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU wants to reduce deforestation caused by products placed on the European market. [WWF's vision](#). ([IEEP](#))
- For a green recovery policy, should we ban the trade in wild animals altogether? Or does that option also carry risks? ([Hollie Booth](#))
- Globally, only a small proportion of rivers are unaffected by man. ([The Guardian](#), [New Scientist](#))
- An overview of [the timeline](#) for the implementation of the biodiversity and farm to fork strategies.
- Arc2020 analysed the Commission's response to the Member States' [strategic plans](#) for the Common Agricultural Policy.
- A group of organisations calls for more attention to be paid to social rights of workers under the new Common Agricultural Policy. ([Euractiv](#), [Arc2020](#), [EFFAT](#), [FoEE](#))
- [Organic farming](#) continues to grow.
- An article on the importance of [agroecology](#) for the Green Deal.
- Are the EU's trade agreements sufficiently adapted to the Green Deal? ([WIIW](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- The Commission proposed a new EU vision for [trade policy](#). ([Euractiv](#), [Business Europe](#), [CEPI](#), [Orgalim](#), [Eurogroup for Animals](#), [AICGS](#), [BEUC](#), [Fair Trade Advocacy](#), [Reuters](#), [Digital Europe](#))
- An OECD paper on [international trade and the circular economy](#).

Activities

- 23/02 | Webinar | [The European Green Deal one year after/Perspective for 2021](#)
- 23/02 | Online | [CircLean – Industrial Symbiosis as an opportunity for carbon neutrality](#)
- 23/02 | Webinar | [Sustainable Bioenergy: A Circular Approach to EU Strategic Autonomy and Green Transition](#)
- 23/02 | Webinar | [Launch of The Circular Innovation City Challenge](#)
- 23/02 | Webinar | [Climate change and forced migration: a crisis in the making](#)
- 24/02 | Webinar | [Taking the Pulse of the EU Green Deal](#)
- 25/02 | Online | [Launch of the EU Climate Adaptation Strategy](#)
- 25/02 | Online | [Technical webinar on the Just Transition Fund](#)
- 25/02 | Webinar | [The Just AI Transition: Where are the opportunities and threats?](#)
- 25/02 | Webinar | [Envisioning a successful Europe: matching convenience, quality and fairness with public-private investment and education](#)
- 26/02 | Webinar | [Integrated home renovation services in Europe](#)
- 01-05/03 | Online | [EESC Civil Society Days](#)

- 01/03 | Webinar | [JICE - Circular Textiles and Fashion as part of the Climate Action Agenda](#)
- 01/03 | Webinar | [Opportunities with Green Bonds and EU's Sustainable Finance Reform](#)
- 02/03 | Webinar | [Green transition under the European recovery and resilience facility](#)
- 02/03 | Webinar | [Financing a Green and Just Recovery from COVID-19](#)
- 02/03 | Webinar | [Blue Economy Forum - The Way to Green Recovery](#)
- 03/03 | Webinar | [Towards the Digital Circular Economy](#)
- 04/03 | Webinar | [What are the realities of the Biodiversity and Farm to Fork strategies?](#)
- 04/03 | Webinar | [Hydrocarbons exporters and the EU's decarbonization plans: what coping strategies?](#)
- 04/03 | Webinar | [The role of key civil society groups in the renovation wave](#)
- 04/03 | Webinar | [Financing connectivity: Building the Trans-European Nature Network](#)
- 05/03 | Webinar | [The Sustainable Finance Strategy in the EU](#)
- 08/03 | Webinar | [MaaS: Digital revolution and challenges of urban mobility](#)
- 09/03 | Webinar | [Water reuse and the European Green Deal](#)
- 09/03 | Webinar | [Tackling the COVID-19 Pandemic of Inequality to Build a Green, Inclusive, and Resilient Recovery](#)
- 09/03 | Webinar | [Towards a mandatory EU system of due diligence for supply chains - Realities and consequences](#)
- 09/03 | Webinar | [Industrial decarbonisation through business model innovation](#)
- 11/03 | Webinar | [MaaS: Multimodal mobility strategies and digitalisation](#)
- 11-12/03 | Online | [Air transport in crisis and the climate challenge](#)
- 15/03 | Online | [Smart and green recovery in the transport sector](#)
- 16/03 | Webinar | [Hydrogen, sun, wind: Which ones can make the best contribution to Europe's energy transformation?](#)
- 16/03 | Webinar | [Bioeconomy and the Green Deal: matching Europe's climate neutrality and competitiveness goals?](#)
- 16-18/03 | Online | [The Future of Finance](#)
- 17/03 | Webinar | [Pyrolysis Hydrogen: truly neutral or negative, will it be competitive?](#)
- 18/03 | Webinar | [Carbon pricing as a win-win solution for a green recovery](#)
- 23/03 | Online | [Intercropping to boost agroecology in European Agriculture](#)
- 25/03 | Online | [Zero Waste: The Circular Economy Inspiration Sessions](#)
- 25/03 | Webinar | [Energy Regulation In The Green Transition: An Anthology](#)
- 04-05/05 | Online | [Euroheat & Power Congress](#)
- 25-27/05 | Online | [Innovate4Climate](#)
- 24/06 | [International workshop 'Urban climate resilience: the role of law'](#)
- 08-09/09 | [International Conference on Sustainable Development](#)
- 11-14/10 | [The European SDG Summit 2021](#)
- 24-26/11 | [2nd International Conference on Circularity in the Built Environment](#)

Commission documents

- 24/02 | New EU strategy on adaptation to climate change | Improving the working conditions of platform workers
- 03/03 | Action plan on the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights
- 09/03 | Europe's Digital Decade: 2030 Digital Targets
- 17/03 | Updating the new industrial strategy for Europe | Communication on better regulation
- 31/03 | Action plan for the development of organic production: on the way to 2030
- 14/04 | Review of the Non-Financial Reporting Directive

- 21/04 | Communication on Horizon Europe research and innovation missions (tbc) |
Communication on the global approach to research, innovation, education and youth (title
tbc)

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