



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

- The UN's [first assessment](#) of countries' commitments under the Climate Accord indicates that they will be far from sufficient to meet the targets. ([The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Climate Home News](#), [WWF](#), [EnergyPost](#))
- Preparations for the Glasgow climate conference are delayed because some countries do not want to meet online. ([Climate Home News](#))
- [According to the IEA](#), after a brief drop due to Covid-19, emissions are in danger of rising to pre-pandemic levels. ([The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#), [ICIS](#), [Earth.Org](#))
- A new study on the need for emissions to fall rapidly after Covid-19. ([The Guardian](#))
- Many large companies are making great strides in reducing emissions, but there are big differences. A [report](#) by CDP Europe.
- [WWF](#) on 'fit for 55%'.
- Negotiations with the European Parliament on the new climate law continue. ([Reuters](#))
- An [EEA briefing paper](#) on the health impacts of climate change.
- A [briefing paper](#) on the chances of a green recovery in 2021, based on a timeline of key moments.
- The Portuguese presidency advocates a new economic model. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Just Transition Fund can now really get started. ([Reuters](#))
- A [briefing paper](#) on the role of the European Parliament in the agreements on the European recovery and resilience mechanism.

- The Commission published new [recommendations](#) for Member States' fiscal policies. [Greenpeace](#) is not entirely satisfied.
- The EESC asks for [more attention to social issues](#) in the European economic policy for 2021.
- Is a carbon border tax on fertilisers a good idea? ([Euractiv](#))
- Bruegel advocates '[carbon price floors](#)'.
- Fern on [removing carbon](#) from the atmosphere.
- Comments on the [adaptation strategy](#): [Copa-Cogeca](#), [EPSU](#).
- From 1 March, there will be [new energy labels](#) for some products. This is a good step, but not enough, according to [Mélissa Zill and Jean-Pierre Schweitzer](#). [META](#) on the new rules for better products.
- [Energy Cities](#) on the Renewable Energy Directive and the Energy Efficiency Directive.
- [SolarPower Europe](#) launched the European Solar Initiative.
- To accelerate the transition, the tax treatment of electricity must change, says Jan Rosenow. ([Euractiv](#))
- Will we succeed in mobilising the necessary investments for the energy transition by 2021? ([DW](#))
- How is the industry responding to the proposed offshore energy strategy? ([Euractiv](#))
- CarbonBrief on the '[rebound effect](#)'.
- Poland wants to invest heavily in hydrogen. ([Reuters](#))
- The renewable hydrogen coalition presented its plans. ([Euractiv](#))
- How can the oil and gas sector accelerate the transition? ([EnergyPost](#))
- A new report by BPIE on a [sustainable real estate sector](#).
- A briefing by EEB on [circular construction](#).
- Mariya Gabriel and Domènec Ruiz Devesa on the proposals for a new Bauhaus. ([Euractiv](#))
- Philippe Pochet on a new [socio-ecological contract](#).
- WEF on mitigating the [risks of climate transition](#).
- Isabelle Schömann on the [EU regulatory agenda](#).
- Patrick ten Brink on [deregulation](#).
- The Commission presented the [Action Plan](#) for the European Pillar of Social Rights. ([Euractiv](#))
- The discussion on the Energy Charter Treaty continues. ([Tomas Vail](#), [Investigate Europe](#), [IHS Markit](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- The Commission proposed the Euro 7 emission rules for cars. ([Euractiv](#))
- Fossil fuel cars waste far more resources than electric ones, says [Transport & Environment](#). ([The Guardian](#))
- There are still far too few electric vans on the road. ([Euractiv](#))
- Do people with electric cars drive less than people with fossil fuel cars? ([EnergyPost](#))
- An [article](#) about self-driving vehicles.
- Green hydrogen and ammonia could become the future fuel of the shipping industry. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- An OECD think tank calls for more [attention to bicycles](#), as an alternative to cars.
- A new report by IEEP and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation on a [climate neutral and circular industry](#).
- Janez Potočnik (International Resource Panel) on the [benefits of a circular economy](#).
- WEF on the [importance of a circular economy](#) to meet climate targets.
- [Young consumers](#) are more concerned about sustainability. Brands should respond better to that.
- A report by the International Resource Panel and the One Planet Network on a [value chain approach](#).
- An article about a methodology for [product-service systems](#).
- Michael Freytag on fair working conditions in the online platform economy. ([Euractiv](#))

- The Commission wants better protection for platform workers. ([Euractiv](#))
- A briefing on '[smart villages](#)'.
- An article on '[industry 4.0](#)' and the SDGs.
- CEFIC on [industrial policy](#) and the Green Deal.
- [IndustriAll](#) Europe on the new industrial strategy.
- The Commission launched a [public consultation](#) on the European business taxation model.
- Which jobs will be in demand in a greener future? ([Euronews](#))
- An [article](#) on the sustainability of creativity.
- A new report by UNEP on [sustainable infrastructure](#).
- PRI on [sustainable corporate governance](#) in the EU.
- ESMA, the EU's securities markets regulator, published its [final report](#) on 8 of the Taxonomy Regulation.
- [Ian Simm](#) on the taxonomy for sustainable finance.
- A policy letter from ESDN on [sustainable finance](#).
- [EIOPA](#) on the non-financial reporting directive.
- [Philippe Zaouati](#) on sustainable finance and social inequality.
- The EU will also need private financiers to meet climate targets, says [José González-Páramo](#).
- The EBA proposes that banks indicate how green their activities are. ([Euractiv](#))
- Despite earlier promises, the EIB continues to invest in gas projects. ([Euractiv](#))
- A guide by UNEP FI on how financial institutions can support [sustainable ocean restoration](#).
- Investors call for more attention to [biodiversity](#).
- The new report [Financial Integrity for Sustainable Development](#).
- Luc Bas about a [Green Deal that is good for nature](#).
- BCG on [biodiversity and business](#).
- The Commission asks more attention for [biodiversity](#), on the occasion of World Wildlife Day.
- WEF on [forests and biodiversity](#).
- There is too little attention for [biodiversity in the SDGs](#).
- A [WWF report](#) on reducing the negative impact of hydropower plants on nature.
- A [new report](#) by UNEP on food waste. ([The Guardian](#))
- What about the agricultural dimension of the biodiversity strategy? ([Euractiv](#))
- The Portuguese presidency tries to get the negotiations on the Common Agricultural Policy back on track. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Pieter de Pous](#) on the common agricultural policy.
- The European Parliament will give its opinion on the Farm to Fork Strategy in the next few months. ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU member states had a first discussion on the [trade policy review](#). ([Euractiv](#))
- [IEEP](#) on the trade policy review.
- The Portuguese Presidency wants more clarifications on the proposed Mercosur agreement. ([Euractiv](#)) France cannot sign the agreement in its current form. ([Euractiv](#))
- A report by ECDPM on a [global green recovery policy](#).
- An article on [climate and security](#) in development cooperation.

Activities

- 08/03 | Webinar | [MaaS: Digital revolution and challenges of urban mobility](#)
- 08/03 | Webinar | [Sustainable Finance & Climate Change Panel Discussion](#)
- 08/03 | Webinar | [Gender and Mobility - how to create better mobility for all](#)
- 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](#)
- 09/03 | Webinar | [A new carbon pricing paradigm for the path to net zero](#)
- 09/03 | Webinar | [Road to COP26: Just Transitions and the Climate Agenda](#)
- 09/03 | Webinar | [The experience of VEEP and other projects promoting circular economy for buildings](#)
- 09/03 | Webinar | [Financing mechanisms and overarching plans supporting recovery and building renovation in the EU and Canada](#)
- 10/03 | Webinar | [Energy Evaluation Europe 2021 Conference](#)
- 11/03 | Webinar | [MaaS: Multimodal mobility strategies and digitalisation](#)
- 11/03 | Webinar | [Wat brengt de nieuwe EU-klimaatadaptatiestrategie?](#)
- 11/03 | Webinar | [Beyond European economic recovery: How can industry support Europe's competitive sustainability?](#)
- 11-12/03 | Online | [Air transport in crisis and the climate challenge](#)
- 12/03 | Webinar | [Knowledge, Science, Democracy: What is the role of evidence in policy and society?](#)
- 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?](#)
- 16/03 | Webinar | [Role of Supply Chain Emissions in decarbonization and compliance](#)
- 16/03 | Webinar | [Metals in the Energy and Digital Transition: The EU Facing an Uncertain Scenario](#)
- 16-18/03 | Online | [The Future of Finance](#)
- 17/03 | Webinar | [Pyrolysis Hydrogen: truly neutral or negative, will it be competitive?](#)
- 17/03 | Webinar | [Towards a climate neutral supply of crucial raw materials for a successful European Green Deal](#)
- 17/03 | Online | [High Level Discussion Event and Official Launch of the Green Recovery Tracker](#)
- 17/03 | Webinar | [Making sense of EU climate policy](#)
- 18/03 | Webinar | [Carbon pricing as a win-win solution for a green recovery](#)
- 18/03 | Webinar | [Reaching EU Green Deal Objectives with Real Estate Sector Blockchain Solutions](#)
- 18/03 | Webinar | [How to measure the climate and circularity impact of the recovery plans?](#)
- 19/03 | Webinar | [Net Zero Central Banking: A New Phase in Greening the Financial System](#)
- 22/03 | Webinar | [Circular Economy – Are we delivering?](#)
- 22-23/03 | Online | [Climate risks and policies: Towards resilient low-carbon economies](#)
- 23/03 | Online | [Intercropping to boost agroecology in European Agriculture](#)
- 23/03 | Webinar | [How green are the national recovery plans?](#)
- 24/03 | Webinar | [Online workshop on trade and biodiversity for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#)
- 25/03 | Online | [Zero Waste: The Circular Economy Inspiration Sessions](#)
- 25/03 | Webinar | [Energy Regulation In The Green Transition: An Anthology](#)
- 30/03 | Webinar | [Sector integration: How can the EU best create and leverage an integrated energy system?](#)

- 31/03 | Webinar | [Building a sustainable future – Transitioning towards a circular and low-carbon construction sector](#)
- 04-05/05 | Online | [Euroheat & Power Congress](#)
- 06/05 | Webinar | [The Role of Modal Shift in Achieving Transport Decarbonisation Objectives](#)
- 25-27/05 | Online | [Innovate4Climate](#)
- 15-16/06 | Online | [Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum: Energy efficiency finance market place](#)
- 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

- 09/03 | Europe’s Digital Decade: 2030 Digital Targets
- 17/03 | Digital green certificate
- 24/03 | Action plan for the development of organic production: on the way to 2030
- 21/04 | Communication on a climate change mitigation and adaptation taxonomy | Review of the Non-Financial Reporting Directive | Communication on Horizon Europe research and innovation missions (tbc) | Communication on the global approach to research, innovation, education and youth
- 27/04 | NextGenerationEU funding strategy | Updating the new industrial strategy for Europe | Communication on better regulation

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