



## 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 negotiations between the European Parliament and the Commission on the new climate law are proceeding slowly. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Wendel Trio](#) and [Suzana Carp](#) on the negotiations on the climate bill.
- John Kerry thinks that the US and the EU should tackle the climate challenge together. ([Euractiv](#))
- E3G on the 2021 [climate diplomacy agenda](#).
- The EEAC proposes the establishment of a [European Advisory Council on Climate Change](#).
- In the European Parliament, a [report](#) on the carbon border adjustment mechanism was [discussed](#). The rapporteur believes that part of the revenue should be used to support the climate transition in developing countries. ([Euractiv](#)) Comments: [Euractiv](#), [Business Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [WWF](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#).
- [E3G](#) on the proposed adaptation strategy.
- A [new study](#) shows that the long-term strategies for energy renovation submitted by Member States will not be sufficient to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. ([Euractiv](#), [Oliver Rapf](#))
- [Digital Europe](#) on the energy renovation of buildings.
- An [article](#) on the expected impact of climate change on the energy needs for cooling buildings in cities.
- A letter from a [number of NGOs](#) about the Clean Hydrogen Alliance.
- McKinsey on how [the oil and gas industry](#) should act in the context of the energy transition.

- [Cogen Europe](#) on making buildings climate neutral.
- The circular economy is needed to make buildings climate neutral. An [article](#).
- New responses on the Energy Charter Treaty: [CAN Europe](#).
- [EEB](#) about one year Circular Economy Action Plan.
- A group of organisations is calling for an [EU strategy for a sustainable built environment](#) by the end of 2021, as foreseen in the Circular Economy Action Plan. ([EuroCities](#))
- IMEC on the [reuse of photovoltaic modules](#).
- An article on [circular economy and cultural heritage](#).
- The European Parliament in [a report](#) calls for greening the standards for construction products. ([ECOS and EEB](#))
- A paper by Transport & Environment on the new [EU framework for batteries](#).
- A [study](#) on the possibilities of bringing the production of some strategic goods back to Europe.
- EnergyPost on European [battery production](#).
- Would electric cars cause more air pollution because of their brakes? [Transport & Environment](#) reacts.
- [IEEP's reaction](#) to the public consultation on emission standards for cars and vans.
- Eltis on the evaluation of the '[Urban Mobility Package](#)'.
- An article about [new mobility services](#).
- An article about neighbourhood-oriented concepts for [shared mobility](#).
- An article about individual [mobility styles and car ownership](#).
- What role can [trains](#) play in the transition to climate-neutral mobility?
- An article on [reverse logistics and blockchain](#).
- Is the 'Hyperloop' a good idea? ([Euractiv](#))
- The shipping industry proposes a tax on fossil fuels. ([The Guardian](#))
- The Commission published a communication on the vision of a [digital transformation](#) by 2030. ([LightReading](#), [Gear Bytes](#), [EU Reporter](#))
- A study on the social and economic impact of online platforms. ([Study](#) + [Annex](#))
- A [report by UNEP](#) shows that only 18% of the resources used for the recovery policy can be considered green. ([UN News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [The Guardian](#), [Reuters](#), [IPS](#))
- Part of the resources of the structural funds are not used for climate policy but diverted to generic support for SMEs. ([Euractiv](#))
- Seven member states have still not submitted a recovery and resilience plan. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Portuguese Presidency is organising a summit on national recovery and resilience plans on 21 June. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [report](#) by CEPS on the risks in national recovery and resilience plans.
- The Green Deal should pay more attention to the gender dimension. ([META](#))
- The European Parliament [voted](#) on a [report](#) on 'Corporate due diligence and corporate accountability'. Comments: [Jill McArdle](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [META](#).
- [Two reports](#) on EU standards for sustainability reporting were published. Comments: [WWF](#), [EFAMA](#).
- There is still no consensus in the European Parliament on the proposed taxonomy for sustainable finance. ([Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Krista Mikkonen and Bas Eickhout on the taxonomy for sustainable finance. ([Euractiv](#))
- A leaked draft shows that the Commission is considering adjusting the position of gas in the taxonomy. A number of countries are asking for adjustments, including for bioenergy. Other countries want no relaxation. The Commission has postponed a decision on an adjusted proposal until April. ([Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [Reuters](#), [Euractiv](#))
- [E3G](#) is concerned about possible changes to the taxonomy.

- Asset managers have had to provide more explanation of how sustainable they are since 10 March. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Andrew Hollander](#) on ESG funds.
- France proposes that the US and EU agree on common rules for green finance. ([Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#))
- A [report](#) by Nicholas Stern and others on the macroeconomic policies countries should adopt to give every opportunity to sustainable recovery policies.
- The Commission supports a [new statistical framework](#) to better reflect the importance of biodiversity and ecosystems in policy planning.
- Large companies report little on [biodiversity](#) in their sustainability reports.
- A new initiative to reduce the [impact of the fashion industry](#) on biodiversity.
- Does nature in the cities provide better [biodiversity for insects](#)?
- Will forests as we know them today still exist in the future? ([The Guardian](#))
- An article on [artificial intelligence and biodiversity](#).
- Food systems are responsible for a third of all man-made emissions. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- A number of experts believe that the [Farm to Fork strategy](#) should be reformulated.
- More attention should be paid to the problem of antimicrobial resistance. ([Euractiv](#))
- Arc2020 on the [digital transformation](#) of agriculture.

## Activities

- 15/03 | Online | [New EU strategy on adaptation to climate change](#)
- 15/03 | Webinar | [Building a greener Europe together: the European Climate Pact](#)
- 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](#)
- 16/03 | Webinar | [Sustainable financing for heating and cooling](#)
- 16/03 | Webinar | [Will the European Common Agricultural Policy \(CAP\) deliver for society?](#)
- 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](#)
- 17/03 | Webinar | [Sustainable Finance Forum](#)
- 17-19/03 | Online | [Annual Conference on European Environmental Law 2021](#)
- 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](#)
- 24/03 | Webinar | [Investing in Climate Action](#)
- 24/03 | Webinar | [EU Industry at the crossroads of Covid-19 pandemic, Green Growth and digital transformation](#)
- 25/03 | Online | [Zero Waste: The Circular Economy Inspiration Sessions](#)
- 25/03 | Webinar | [Energy Regulation In The Green Transition: An Anthology](#)
- 25/03 | Webinar | [Beyond Buying: How can the circular economy principles feed sustainable public procurement policies and practices?](#)
- 25/03 | Webinar | [Ways out of the Biodiversity Crisis - Continuing as is or Reorienting?](#)
- 26/03 | Webinar | [Inland ports boosting green and circular mobility transition](#)
- 26/03 | Webinar | [EU Regions moving to a Circular Economy - Policy Lab for stakeholders](#)
- 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](#)
- 06/04 | Webinar | [Economic Recovery: Toward a Green, Resilient, and Inclusive Future](#)
- 08/04 | Webinar | [How can technology support the transition towards more sustainable finance?](#)
- 12/04 | Webinar | [Waste-to-Energy: an essential element for circularity](#)
- 28/04 | Webinar | [The New Industrial Strategy for \(Post-Pandemic\) Europe](#)
- 29/04 | Webinar | [Achieving the 2030 climate goals – One-stop-shops for the residential sector](#)
- 04/05 | Webinar | [Circular economy and bioeconomy](#)
- 04-05/05 | Online | [Euroheat & Power Congress](#)
- 05/05 | Webinar | [Climate Compliance and the European Green Deal](#)
- 06/05 | Webinar | [The Role of Modal Shift in Achieving Transport Decarbonisation Objectives](#)
- 06/05 | Webinar | [Digital solutions in support of the Green Deal](#)
- 11/05 | Webinar | [Are we getting closer to a circular economy in Europe?](#)
- 11/05 | Webinar | [Faculty Research Day: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services](#)
- 12/05 | Webinar | [Human Rights Compliance in the Financial Sector](#)
- 25-27/05 | Online | [Innovate4Climate](#)
- 31/05-04/06 | Online | [EU Green Week](#)
- 15-16/06 | Online | [Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum: Energy efficiency finance market place](#)
- 21-25/06 | [Transport and Climate Change Week](#)
- 24/06 | [International workshop ‘Urban climate resilience: the role of law’](#)
- 19-20/07 | Online | [International Conference on Ecology, Biodiversity and Environment](#)
- 30/08-03/09 | Online | [Environmental litigation and compliance beyond the nation-state](#)
- 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

- 24/03 | Action plan for the development of organic production: on the way to 2030
- 14/04 | NextGenerationEU funding strategy to finance the recovery plan for Europe
- 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 | Updating the new industrial strategy for Europe | Communication on better regulation

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