



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

- There is little progress in the negotiations for a new European climate law. ([Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Commissioner Timmermans says that in the energy system of the future there will be no place for coal, a small place for oil and a marginal place for gas. ([Euractiv](#))
- The various superpowers all want a strong position in the production of green hydrogen. ([Euractiv](#))
- The EESC published [a report](#) on sustainability requirements for batteries.
- A group of NGOs and MEPs calls on the Commission not to open up the [Renewable Energy Directive](#) to non-renewable energies. ([Euractiv](#))
- Energy efficiency should be the 'first fuel', says IEA. ([EnergyPost](#))
- The public consultation on the [Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#) has begun.
- Copenhagen is investing heavily in the [renovation of buildings](#).
- An article about the ['retrofitting' of historical buildings](#).
- [IPS](#) on the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Who will be the new Head of the Energy Charter Treaty Secretariat? ([Euractiv](#))
- [EEB](#) and [ECOS](#) on the EU's built environment strategy.
- A new report by The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies on [circular economy](#) as a strategy towards climate neutrality.
- A new publication by [ICLEI](#) for cities that want to work on [circular food systems](#).
- An article on [guidelines for circular design](#) of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE).

- An article about [circular design of food](#).
- Valérie Boiten on a [circular textile strategy](#).
- An article about [circular water policy](#).
- A briefing on [CO₂ standards for vehicles](#).
- The [car industry](#) wants to talk about stricter CO₂ targets.
- German carmakers opt for electric vehicles. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- [William Todts](#) on what it will take to green the car market.
- Choosing to recycle batteries could mean Europe has to import far fewer raw materials. A [new study](#). (Transport & Environment)
- What urban mobility policy is needed to significantly reduce air pollution? A [new report](#) by Transport & Environment.
- WBCSD on [digitalisation and sustainable urban mobility](#).
- Commission wants rail network expansion as strategic element of Green Deal. ([Euractiv](#))
- On the occasion of the European Year of Rail, the Commission proposed the '[Connecting Europe Express](#)' initiative. ([CER](#), [Railfreight](#))
- The EESC produced a report on [25 years of European rail policy](#).
- Digital solutions can provide an answer to congestion problems. ([Euractiv](#))
- The most polluting airlines have received the most government support in recent months. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- What were the key [mobility trends](#) in the first quarter of 2021?
- A Canadian [report](#) on a just transition out of carbon-intensive industries.
- In a post-Covid-19 recovery policy, much attention must be paid to a different relationship with nature. WBCSD made a report about that. ([SEI](#))
- CAN Europe made an analysis of the [national recovery and resilience plans](#).
- CSR Europe calls on industry federations to rally behind the '[Pact for Sustainable Industry](#)'.
- What do European think tanks say about [strategic autonomy](#)?
- The EPC on the update of the [EU industrial strategy](#).
- A briefing paper on [InvestEU](#).
- The International Labour Organisation published the [Global Employment Policy Review](#).
- MEPs call for better regulation of artificial intelligence. ([Euractiv](#)) Commission President von der Leyen considers stricter rules. ([Euractiv](#))
- Thorsten Jelinek on the [European digital strategy](#).
- What to expect from the European due diligence proposal? ([ESG Investor](#))
- An [article](#) on ESG factors and corporate finance.
- How are European [insurers](#) doing on sustainability?
- According to the IEA, countries are doing far too little to green their economies. ([The Guardian](#))
- Accountancy Europe proposes a number of [fiscal measures](#) that could support sustainable recovery policies.
- The IEA and the Commission want to work together to achieve [net zero](#).
- A new [report by IEEP](#) on measuring public expenditure on climate policy.
- A number of countries continue to push for a place for gas in the taxonomy of sustainable finance. ([Reuters](#))
- Nine members of the expert group that is advising the Commission on the taxonomy are threatening to resign. ([Reuters](#))
- A group of European investors is calling for the Commission to set mandatory standards for methane emissions from gas. ([Euractiv](#))
- The value of shares in fossil energy companies has fallen. This is shown in [a recent report](#). ([Euractiv](#))
- [Detlef Glow](#) on taxonomy.

- [Solar Power Europe](#) calls for the Commission to use the highest sustainability standards in the taxonomy for the production of green hydrogen. ([Euractiv](#))
- Can nuclear power be considered a sustainable investment or not? The discussion continues. ([Euractiv](#))
- How expensive will the transition be? [Ursula Woodburn](#) thinks the Commission is miscalculating. ([BusinessGreen](#))
- Tariq Fancy on green investments. ([The Guardian](#))
- Global forest destruction rose sharply in 2020. ([The Guardian](#))
- Can small urban forests be an answer to deforestation in Europe? ([Euractiv](#))
- [Greenpeace](#) reacts to the WHO report on the origin of Covid-19. Restoring biodiversity is important.
- Why is [biodiversity](#) important to our health and well-being?
- Pesticide use has declined over the past decade, but the toxic impact of pesticides on bees has increased dramatically. ([The Guardian](#))
- A special 'trilogue' made some progress in the negotiations for a new common agricultural policy, but has not yet led to a real breakthrough. ([Euractiv](#))
- Greta Thunberg says Commissioner Timmermans is not doing enough to green agricultural policy. ([Politico](#)) Timmermans says it is still possible to bring agricultural policy into line with the Green Deal. ([Euractiv](#))
- European agriculture has already suffered enormously from increasing heat and drought over the past 50 years. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Western diet is causing deforestation in countries in the South. . ([The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- Debt-ridden developing countries are looking at how to use a new IMF aid package to boost green investments. ([Climate Home News](#))
- CAN Europe calls for countries to make a bigger contribution to [climate finance](#) for the South.
- A briefing from Eurodad on international [climate finance](#).
- Achim Steiner calls on the international community to take more action to help poor countries tackle the climate crisis. ([The Guardian](#))
- UN finds G7 countries need to do more to help poorer countries reduce emissions. ([The Guardian](#), [UN News](#))

Activities

- 06/04 | Webinar | [Economic Recovery: Toward a Green, Resilient, and Inclusive Future](#)
- 06/04 | Webinar | [Transatlantic Leadership for Climate Neutrality?](#)
- 07/04 | Webinar | [Green Deal: what opportunities for social services?](#)
- 08/04 | Webinar | [How can technology support the transition towards more sustainable finance?](#)
- 08-19/04 | Online | [EU-Africa Green Talks \(EIB\)](#)
- 12/04 | Webinar | [Waste-to-Energy: an essential element for circularity](#)
- 13/04 | Webinar | [Forum for Mobility & Society – Smart and Sustainable Mobility Strategy](#)
- 14/04 | Webinar | [Public transport meets smart mobility](#)
- 14-16/04 | Online | [SBE21 Heritage Conference, Renovating historic buildings for a low-carbon built heritage](#)
- 15/04 | Webinar | [Minimum energy performance standards for existing buildings](#)
- 15/04 | Webinar | [What's the scorecard on Member State recovery plans?](#)
- 15/04 | Webinar | [The role of SMEs in Europe's digital transformation](#)
- 15-16/04 | Online | [World Circular Economy Forum + Climate](#)

- 20/04 | Webinar | [Active building Energy Performance Contracting \(AEPC\)](#)
- 20/04 | Webinar | [Connecting European Sustainable Finance to standardization](#)
- 20/04 | Webinar | [Conference on Energy poverty at the crossroads of the European Pillar of Social Rights and the European Green Deal](#)
- 20/04 | Webinar | [Legal Implications of the Green Deal Across Europe](#)
- 22/04 | Webinar | [Clean Aviation for a Competitive Green Recovery in Europe: Innovative Ideas Take Flight](#)
- 22/04 | Webinar | [Creating a mobility system of the future](#)
- 22/04 | Online | [Brainstorming seminar on Circular Economy: launch of bounCE4ward](#)
- 27/04 | Webinar | [Exploring interfaces between labour and environmental law](#)
- 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](#)
- 29/04 | Webinar | [Blue economy: the potential of our oceans to contribute to a green recovery](#)
- 04/05 | Webinar | [Circular economy and bioeconomy](#)
- 04/05 | Webinar | [The role of gas in Europe’s future energy mix and the transition to zero carbon of Europe’s power sector](#)
- 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](#)
- 18-20/05 | Online | [Renewable Materials Conference](#)
- 25-27/05 | Online | [Innovate4Climate](#)
- 27/05 | Webinar | [Enabling a Circular Economy: How to encourage a viable agricultural market for nutrients recovered from biowaste](#)
- 31/05-04/06 | Online | [EU Green Week](#)
- 15-16/06 | Online | [Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum: Energy efficiency finance market place](#)
- 21-23/06 | Online | [Healthy Buildings Europe 2021](#)
- 21-25/06 | [Transport and Climate Change Week](#)
- 23-25/06 | Online | [European Energy Efficiency Conference 2021](#)
- 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

- 21/04 | Communication on a climate change mitigation and adaptation taxonomy | Review of the Non-Financial Reporting Directive | Communication on the global approach to research, innovation, education and youth
- 27/04 | Communication on business taxation for the 21st century | Updating the new industrial strategy for Europe | Communication on better regulation

- 18/05 | Communication on zero-pollution for water, air and soil | Communication on a new approach for a sustainable blue economy in the EU

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