



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

- What is the state of play with the strategy for greater integration of the energy system? ([Euractiv](#))
- An article on the importance of [energy efficiency](#) for a sustainable recovery policy.
- WRI on a [just transition](#) to a climate neutral world.
- Jenni Miller on the place of [health in national climate plans](#).
- CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere reached a new high, and that despite Covid-19. ([The Guardian](#))
- What will happen to the Antarctic ice shelves under different scenarios of temperature rise? ([Carbon Brief](#), [The Guardian](#))
- What can green hydrogen mean for the [petrochemical industry](#)?
- What is the [role of tidal power](#) for green hydrogen?
- Fossil-based hydrogen will be economically unviable by 2030. ([ReCharge](#))
- E3G launches a series of [fact sheets on hydrogen](#).
- European energy ministers call for better regulatory framework for hydrogen. ([Euractiv](#))
- The increasing demand for copper, as part of the energy transition, could have a severe negative impact. ([The Conversation](#))
- How can we address the hidden environmental cost of solar energy? ([META](#))
- The EU explained the proposal for a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) within the WTO. ([IISD](#))

- The Commission made a first analysis of the [long-term renovation strategies](#) of 13 Member States.
- Lighting Europe calls for accelerated renovation of houses, with a strong focus on [lighting](#).
- [Laurence Tubiana and Ani Toni](#) on Mercosur.
- How should Europe rebuild multilateralism after Covid-19? ([Anthony Dworkin](#))
- The energy needed for bitcoin could jeopardise China's climate targets. ([The Guardian](#))
- Europe could become the champion of the electric car battery. ([Bloomberg](#))
- A report by SITRA on [39 circular applications](#) that have a positive impact.
- Dan Vukelich on [circular healthcare](#).
- An article on the importance of [green roofs](#) for circular and resilient cities.
- An [article](#) on circular building.
- An [article](#) on circular economy and forestry.
- The EU must continue to actively pursue a green recovery policy for aviation, says [Transport & Environment](#).
- It is becoming realistic for electric trucks to replace diesel-powered trucks. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on smart mobility services in cities.
- An [analysis](#) of the European Court of Justice ruling in the 'People's Climate Case'.
- What does the Green Deal mean for the [chemical industry](#)?
- An article on [industrial policy](#) in the context of energy transition.
- An article on the [digital divide](#) in 'smart cities'.
- EGDMONT on [public participation](#) in the Green Deal.
- ESG Investor on the [Non-Financial Reporting Directive](#).
- An article about [socially responsible investing](#).
- The Green Deal offers an opportunity for the introduction of a good carbon tax system. ([META](#))
- The discussion on the role of gas in the taxonomy for sustainable finance. ([Bloomberg](#), [Novethic](#))
- Climate change may make it harder for countries to repay their debts. ([Nature](#))
- [Strengthening biodiversity](#) can be an important step to prevent new pandemics.
- Saving the climate and conserving biodiversity go hand in hand. ([New Scientist](#))
- If the planet warms by more than 3°C, many species will disappear. ([The Guardian](#), [Bloomberg](#))
- An [article](#) on the link between biodiversity in aquatic ecosystems and food quality.
- How do Member States monitor biodiversity in function of the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive? An [article](#).
- Why should businesses be more engaged with biodiversity? ([Zurich](#))
- Greenpeace asks the EU to stop promo campaigns for [meat and dairy](#).
- G7 finance ministers discussed international climate finance. ([Euractiv](#))
- The head of the IMF thinks that vulnerability to climate change should play a role in granting international financing. ([Climate Home News](#))

Activities

- 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](#)
- 13/04 | Webinar | [The Circular Economy Show](#)
- 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](#)
- 15/04 | Webinar | [Fund portfolio networks: a climate risk perspective](#)
- 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](#)
- 20-22/04 | Online | [3rd EU Conference on Connected & Automated Driving](#)
- 21/04 | Webinar | [Reducing the use of antibiotics in the meat sector](#)
- 21/04 | Webinar | [EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation \(SFDR\): Measuring Portfolio Alignment and Company Reporting](#)
- 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](#)
- 26/04 | Webinar | [Rebuilding smart mobility: shared, safe and sustainable](#)
- 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](#)
- 06/05 | Online | [High-level conference on the review of the Non-Financial Reporting Directive – the way forward](#)
- 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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