



## 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

- On 20 April, the European Parliament renegotiated the European climate law. ([Euractiv](#), [Bloomberg](#)) This led to an [agreement in principle](#), and this just before President Biden's climate conference. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Commissie](#), [Raad](#), [Bellona](#), [Reuters](#), [dpa-international](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#), [Greenpeace](#), [WWF](#), [Climate Home News](#), [EUReporter](#), [ZEP](#), [EURIC](#), [Science | Business](#), [META](#))
- Negotiations in preparation for COP26 in Glasgow will take place virtually over the next few weeks. ([The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [SEI](#), [E3G](#))
- President Biden hosted the Leaders Summit on Climate on 22-23 April. ([CAN Europe](#), [The Guardian](#), [E3G](#), [Adélaïde Charlier en Chloé Mikolajczak](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Greenpeace](#), [IISD](#), [Kumi Naidoo](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [UNFCCC](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euractiv](#))
- 101 Nobel laureates call for a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty ([The Guardian](#))
- [IEA](#) fears many countries will invest recovery money in fossil fuels. ([The Guardian](#))
- According to the latest [WMO report](#), the severity of the climate crisis increased significantly by 2020. ([The Guardian](#))
- Which companies are leading the way in reducing emissions? ([WEF](#))
- Comments and reports on the proposed 'carbon border adjustment mechanism' (CBAM): [Bartek Czczerski](#), [Camilla Bausch](#), [Politico](#).
- WEF published the '[Fostering Effective Energy Transition 2021 report](#)'. ([WEF](#), [ReCharge](#))
- 10 insights on 10 years of energy transition. ([WEF](#))

- Tackling energy poverty is mainly done by opting for energy efficiency and financial support for families in poverty, say [Jan Rosenow and Louise Sunderland](#).
- EESC President calls for coordinated action against energy poverty. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commissioner Samson says energy-efficient buildings must become the new normal. ([Euractiv](#))
- There was a conference on the new European Bauhaus. ([Euractiv](#))
- A German company is using the Energy Charter Treaty to take the Netherlands to court. ([Euractiv](#))
- How can we ensure that climate adaptation is equitable? ([SIWI](#))
- Technology as a service' can be an important driver for the circular economy. ([WEF](#))
- An [article](#) on the importance of product-service systems in the transition from the linear to the circular economy.
- An [article](#) on taxation for a circular economy.
- A [report](#) on circular investments in low and middle income countries.
- A report by Ecos on the importance of [ecodesign for clothing](#).
- How can the global [textile industry](#) become circular?
- Re-use or recycling? Which [business model](#) should companies choose?
- A group of MEPs calls for an end to the export of plastic waste from Europe. ([Euractiv](#))
- Imports of dubious 'used' cooking oil will increase and fuel deforestation. So says Transport & Environment in a [new report](#). ([Euractiv](#))
- The EIB should do more for sustainable mobility. A [new report](#). ([Clara Bourgin](#))
- For the cars of the future, it is better to think only of electric vehicles, and no longer of maintaining the combustion engine through agrofuels. ([Geert De Cock](#))
- A briefing from Transport & Environment on [plug-in hybrid vehicles](#).
- EnergyPost on [sustainable batteries for electric vehicles](#) and the opportunities for the European economy.
- A [new report](#) by Transport & Environment on electrifying freight transport. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [briefing](#) on sustainable and smart mobility at local level.
- UNECE on [sustainable mobility and smart connectivity](#).
- The Commission proposed a legal [framework for artificial intelligence](#). ([Euractiv](#))
- An opinion poll shows that [young Europeans](#) are particularly concerned about climate change and the environment.
- A UNECE report on [sustainable urban development](#).
- A report on how Europe can increase resilience to [structural risks](#).
- The OECD made an [analysis of the national recovery programmes](#). It shows that only a small proportion of measures are positive for the environment.
- The Commission has approved the revised [guidelines for regional aid measures](#). The principles of the Green Deal play an important role in this.
- A briefing on the '[Just Transition Fund](#)'. Normally, the European Parliament will vote on this in May.
- EEB presented [a report](#) on a 'wellbeing economy'.
- What do CEOs think about climate change and ESG? A [Green Deal Monitor](#) by PwC.
- IEEP on sustainable and equitable [tax reform](#).
- On 21 April, the Commission decided on an important set of rules for the implementation of the taxonomy for sustainable finance. This had been the subject of much debate in recent weeks. Preliminary reactions: [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [Reuters](#), [Unearthed](#), [Barron's](#), [Netherlands Live](#). [The package](#). Reactions afterwards: [Bloomberg](#), [Euractiv](#), [Stibbe](#), [Climate-KIC](#), [WWF](#), [WWF](#), [Reuters](#), [EUReporter](#), [Euractiv](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [ECSA](#), [BirdLife](#), [Club of Rome](#), [ECOS](#), [EUReporter](#), [Euractiv](#), [ECOS](#), [IPE](#), [ESG Investor](#).

- The European Parliament is preparing a report on the Farm to Fork Strategy. A group of NGOs formulated [10 priorities](#) for this.
- Some members of the Commission welcome the citizens' initiative calling for an end to the rearing of animals in cages. ([Euractiv](#))
- Agriculture Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski says the current agricultural policy is responsible for the disappearance of many small-scale and family farms. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Portuguese presidency has new proposals that could help reach an agreement on the future common agricultural policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- A new report on sustainable food systems. ([Arc2020](#))

## Activities

- 26/04 | Webinar | [Rebuilding smart mobility: shared, safe and sustainable](#)
- 26/04 | Webinar | [Circularity in the Clean Energy Transition](#)
- 26-29/04 | Online | [Just Transition Platform Meeting](#)
- 27/04 | Webinar | [Exploring interfaces between labour and environmental law](#)
- 27/04 | Webinar | [Delivering on the Renovation Wave: Supporting Narratives & Financing](#)
- 28/04 | Webinar | [The New Industrial Strategy for \(Post-Pandemic\) Europe](#)
- 28/04 | Webinar | [Strategic autonomy and the transformation of the EU](#)
- 28/04 | Webinar | [Post 2021 Summit on Climate & Road to COP 26 in Glasgow](#)
- 28/04 | Webinar | [Building a gender-equal recovery](#)
- 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](#)
- 29/04 | Webinar | [Strengthening buildings information tools with focus on energy performance certificates](#)
- 29/04 | Webinar | [Taxonomy-related product disclosures: public event on the European Supervisory Authorities consultation](#)
- 29/04 | Webinar | [URBAN GreenUP Webinar: Green Parklets](#)
- 30/04 | Online | [The European Union as a Circular Economy: Command & Control?](#)
- 30/04 | Online | [Investment for a sustainable recovery in Belgium](#)
- 30/04 | Online | [SoGreen Symposium: EU Green Deal On the Green Move](#)
- 03/05 | Webinar | [The Twin Transition: How can Green Growth and Digital Transformation go hand in hand to drive Europe's 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 | Webinar | [Hydrogen Policy Developments, Needs and Reality](#)
- 04/05 | Webinar | [Governing the Grid: Decarbonization, Energy Security & Climate Adaptation for the 21st Century](#)
- 04/05 | Webinar | [Making Textiles Circular: What Is Needed?](#)
- 04/05 | Webinar | [Digitising European Industry: Open Source Driving the Automotive Sector](#)
- 04-05/05 | Online | [Euroheat & Power Congress](#)
- 05/05 | Webinar | [Climate Compliance and the European Green Deal](#)
- 05/05 | Webinar | [European conference on green mining](#)
- 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](#)

- 07/05 | Webinar | [Building Renovation Passports and One-Stop-Shops: How can they contribute to the Renovation Wave?](#)
- 07/05 | Webinar | [What can the US and the EU learn from each other to accelerate climate action?](#)
- 10/05 | Webinar | [Sustainable Finance 3.0: the big challenge ahead - seminar Timo Busch](#)
- 11/05 | Webinar | [Are we getting closer to a circular economy in Europe?](#)
- 11/05 | Webinar | [Faculty Research Day: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services](#)
- 11/05 | Webinar | [European Mobility Atlas 2021 - Night Trains](#)
- 12/05 | Webinar | [Human Rights Compliance in the Financial Sector](#)
- 12/05 | Webinar | [Sustainable Finance: Impact and Implications for the Real Economy](#)
- 15/05 | Webinar | [Mining for metals – can it be fair?](#)
- 18/05 | Webinar | [Financing the Green Transition: what role for multilateral development banks?](#)
- 18-20/05 | Online | [Renewable Materials Conference](#)
- 19/05 | Webinar | [Animal Health and Welfare: What role for Animal Nutrition?](#)
- 20/05 | Webinar | [Cogeneration and district heating: An enabler of the green transition?](#)
- 20/05 | Webinar | [Meet & Greet with international circular economy frontrunners](#)
- 25/05 | Webinar | [The Recovery and Resilience Facility: Can effective oversight bring about true reform?](#)
- 25-27/05 | Online | [Innovate4Climate](#)
- 27/05 | Webinar | [Mobility as a Service \(MaaS\) als hefboom naar duurzame mobiliteit - Le Mobility as a Service \(MaaS\) comme levier pour une mobilité durable](#)
- 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](#)
- 23/06 | Webinar | [Future of work – how has the COVID-19 pandemic re-shaped the agenda?](#)
- 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](#)
- 30/08-03/09 | Online | [„Natural“ boundaries of climate protection under EU Law – A clash of ecological interests](#)
- 08-09/09 | [International Conference on Sustainable Development](#)
- 08-10/09 | [ERSCP 2021 - European Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production](#)
- 11-14/10 | [The European SDG Summit 2021](#)
- 24-26/11 | [2nd International Conference on Circularity in the Built Environment](#)

### Commission documents

- 27/04 | 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 | Communication on the global approach to research and innovation

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