



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

- Think 2030 published the [European Green Deal Barometer](#).
- Can the European Commission still achieve its main priorities during this legislature? ([Georg Riekeles](#))
- Reflections on President Biden's climate summit: [Politico](#), [Patricia Espinosa Cantellano](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [IRENA](#), [E3G](#), [Eurodad](#).
- The European Council on 25 May will discuss, among other things, climate policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Analyses of the political agreement on the European climate law: [Phys](#).
- The German Constitutional Court rules that the German climate law passes too many burdens on to the next generations. ([Politico](#), [DW](#), [Reuters](#), [NPR](#))
- Frans Timmermans and Josep Borrell on the [geopolitics of climate change](#).
- European climate policy will not succeed without China, says [Roderick Kefferpütz](#).
- Poland thinks a 'Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism' (CBAM) should start with some sectors. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [new study](#) shows that with the Green Deal it should be possible to phase out coal in Europe by 2030.
- Two-thirds of European citizens want stricter climate targets in member states ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Nils Meyer-Ohlendorf, Michał Kaminski, and András Huszár call for [binding national climate targets](#).
- Will climate change 'stop' when we reach 'net zero'? ([CarbonBrief](#))

- Mats Engström on global cooperation on [industrial emissions](#).
- There is an urgent need to do something about methane emissions. ([Euractiv](#))
- How can you assess the different risks associated with climate change? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The growth of solar energy has been spectacular in recent years. ([The Guardian](#))
- [Wind power](#) could provide a lot of new jobs in the next few years.
- [Samuel Thomas](#) on the importance of a carbon price to make buildings climate neutral.
- CAN Europe on the benefits of [renovating buildings](#).
- [Monica Frassoni](#) on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.
- An [article](#) about the factors that prevent or stimulate energy savings in buildings.
- In the spirit of the new European Bauhaus, some cities are developing [innovative projects](#).
- An [article](#) on some recent developments in the sharing economy at city level.
- An [article](#) about stakeholder engagement in the context of a regional circular strategy.
- An article on [circular tourism](#).
- A group of companies calls on the EU to stop selling petrol and diesel cars by 2035. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- A [new report from the IEA](#) predicts a surge in electric vehicles. ([The Guardian](#))
- For cars, electric batteries are a much more efficient option than synthetic fuels. ([Günter Hörmandinger](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- For many consumers, an electric car is already the cheapest option. ([BEUC](#))
- How is the digitisation of the railways coming along? ([Railway Technology](#), [Euractiv](#))
- A group of MEPs is calling for an end to the tax exemption for aviation fuel. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Dave Keating](#) and [Andrew Murphy](#) on the French decision to ban short-haul flights.
- How can shipping become climate neutral? A [study](#) by Transport & Environment.
- EESC on [sustainable mobility](#).
- A [public consultation](#) on an EU initiative for sustainable local mobility.
- [Arunma Oteh](#), [Nancy Vandycke](#) and [Mafalda Duarte](#) on innovative financing for sustainable mobility.
- [Jean-Luc Wietor](#) on the revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive.
- The EU is considering plans to manufacture chips in Europe. ([Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#))
- France and Germany presented their green recovery plans. ([Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#))
- [EPC](#), [CAN Europe](#) and [Bruegel](#) on national recovery and resilience plans.
- Alfonso Lara Montero on [social inclusion](#) in the national plans for recovery and resilience.
- A group of organisations ask for structural [attention to health](#) in recovery and climate policy.
- Which countries are doing well in terms of green recovery policies? ([WEF](#))
- What's next for the European Recovery Fund? ([Politico](#))
- How can public services properly prepare for the green and digital transition? A [report](#) from the Commission.
- The Commission published a communication on [better regulation](#). Comments: [WWF](#), [Committee of the Regions](#), [EUReporter](#).
- IEEP on the place of agriculture in the [taxonomy](#) for sustainable finance.
- Transport & Environment on the [taxonomy](#).
- [Laurence Tubiana](#) on a framework for sustainable finance.
- An [S&P Global Ratings Report](#) finds too little attention to biodiversity in ESG. ([EnvironmentAnalyst](#))
- What are the big challenges for better biodiversity policy in the run-up to the global biodiversity conference? ([Nature](#))
- A [study by IEEP](#) on stemming the net loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services.
- Katy Jeary on solutions to the [biodiversity crisis](#).
- The EU and China will cooperate on [biodiversity](#).
- Targeted efforts kept the bee population in Dutch cities. ([The Guardian](#))

- Women play a vital role in biodiversity conservation. ([WEF](#))
- Even if we meet the Paris climate targets, glaciers will continue to disappear. ([The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- The Commission is preparing a law against deforestation for the end of June. Will it also be able to do something about imported deforestation? ([Anke Schulmeister-Oldenhove](#))
- An article on imported deforestation. ([EnergyPost](#))
- The European Parliament worked out a proposal for an important part of the Common Agricultural Policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Commission published a study on [carbon farming](#).
- Commission President Von der Leyen calls for an African Green Deal. ([Euractiv](#))
- Akinwumi Adesina of the African Development Bank sees many [opportunities](#) for investment in Africa through the recovery policy.

Activities

- 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 | Online | [Energy Efficiency Global Forum](#)
- 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](#)
- 05/05 | Webinar | [Greening the European Green Bond market](#)
- 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?](#)
- 18/05 | Webinar | [Transformation Towards Energy Democracy](#)
- 18-20/05 | Online | [Renewable Materials Conference](#)
- 19/05 | Webinar | [Animal Health and Welfare: What role for Animal Nutrition?](#)

- 19/05 | Webinar | [Smart Cities and Sustainable Society](#)
- 19/05 | Webinar | [The role of regions in improving energy efficiency](#)
- 19-20/05 | Online | [Solar PV Big & Beyond](#)
- 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?](#)
- 25/05 | Online | [Shaping the Future – Green Recovery for Sustainable Urban Mobility](#)
- 25-27/05 | Online | [Innovate4Climate](#)
- 27/05 | Webinar | [Enabling a Circular Economy: How to encourage a viable agricultural market for nutrients recovered from biowaste](#)
- 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](#)
- 31/05-04/06 | Online | [EU Green Week](#)
- 08/06 | Webinar | [Streamlining Biodiversity in Companies' Decision Making](#)
- 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

- 05/05 | Proposal for a Regulation on distortive foreign subsidies | Updating the new industrial strategy for Europe
- 12/05 | Communication on zero-pollution for water, air and soil | Communication on a new approach for a sustainable blue economy in the EU
- 18/05 | Communication on business taxation for the 21st century | Communication on the global approach to research and innovation
- 26/05 | European Semester Spring Package | Guidance for strengthening the code of practice on disinformation

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