



## 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 implementation of the Commission's [six policy priorities](#)?
- An ECFR policy letter on the [European climate challenge](#).
- How is climate action incorporated into the [EU budget](#)?
- Commissioner Frans Timmermans thinks that social and climate policy should be developed as a whole. ([The Guardian](#))
- Analyses following the German Constitutional Court's ruling on the German climate law: [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [ReCharge](#), [Social Europe](#), [Reuters](#), [BusinessGreen](#), [Clean Energy Wire](#), [Reuters](#), [Reuters](#), [DW](#), [Climate Home News](#), [The Guardian](#), [Reuters](#).
- [Mark Preston Aragonès and Frances Wang](#) on the European climate bill.
- CAN Europe calls for more action on [methane emissions](#).
- The European carbon price has risen. ([Euractiv](#))
- With rich countries' new climate commitments, we are still a long way from meeting the Paris climate targets. ([The Guardian](#))
- To tackle climate change, much more attention is needed on methane emissions. So says a new [UN report](#). ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- A first draft of the announced new renewable energy directive has been leaked. ([Euractiv](#))
- Eleven member states call for the EU to stop funding fossil fuels under its Trans-European Energy Infrastructure (TEN-E) regulation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Using hydrogen for cars and homes may increase our dependence on fossil fuels. ([The Guardian](#))

- According to the Commission, we need a 'blue economy' for the Green Deal to succeed. ([Euractiv](#))
- Monique Goyens (BEUC) on [energy renovation of dwellings](#).
- Energy renovation of dwellings is not enough, we also need to think about the surface area of dwellings if we want to reduce our footprint. ([Euractiv](#))
- A new [report from the IEA](#) on the role of critical minerals in the energy transition. ([The Guardian](#))
- A [tool from the Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#) that can help companies measure how circular they already are.
- An [article](#) on tools that can help make good decisions on circular building.
- Covid-19 was the cause of the 'European Year of Rail' not going very well so far. ([Euractiv](#))
- A report on the importance of [combined transport](#) for the Green Deal.
- A briefing on [autonomous vehicles](#).
- A briefing on [PFAS and wastewater](#).
- A briefing on [F-gases](#) used in refrigeration, heat pumps and air conditioning.
- An article on the [impact of social norms on environmentally friendly behaviour](#).
- CAN Europe presented a vision on a [just transition](#).
- A Commission initiative: [Green City Accord](#).
- Cities can play an important role as ambassadors of the Green Deal. ([Dario Nardella](#))
- The Commission presented the renewed industrial strategy on 5 May. Preliminary reactions: [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EuroMines](#), [FoEE](#), [Fortune](#). The Commission's [new strategy](#). Reactions afterwards: [EEB](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [CEFIC](#), [WWF](#), [Business Europe](#), [DIGITALEUROPE](#), [CLEPA](#), [Orgalim](#), [FEAD](#), [EUReporter](#), [EURATEX](#), [EuroNews](#), [Politico](#), [EUROCHAMBRES](#), [just-style](#), [Reuters](#), [Cooperatives Europe](#), [PV Tech](#), [CEPI](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Water Europe](#), [CSR Europe](#), [Science | Business](#), [Eurofer](#), [E3G](#).
- An [overview](#) of national plans for recovery and resilience already submitted.
- The Commission did not receive all national plans in time. ([Euractiv](#))
- [EEB](#), [Wind Europe](#), [META](#) on the national plans for recovery and resilience.
- Do the national plans for recovery and resilience adequately address cycling? ([Euractiv](#))
- [Sandrine Dixon-Decleve and Simon Zadek](#) think there is too little focus on nature in the national plans.
- Were the various recovery plans developed around the world green enough? The OECD made [an analysis](#).
- The amount of money actually spent on green recovery worldwide is less than what goes on fossil fuel subsidies. ([Steven Stone](#))
- G20 countries still spend more money on fossil fuels than on green energy. ([New Statesman](#))
- [Eurocities](#) calls for socially just recovery policies.
- Analyses and reactions following the Social Summit organised by the Portuguese Presidency: [Tea Jarc en Adélaïde Charlier](#), [Euractiv](#).
- CSR Europe on a responsible and inclusive [supply chain](#).
- Germany calls for stricter guidelines on [environmental reporting by companies](#).
- A [number of business and investor organisations](#) react to the Commission's announced corporate governance initiative.
- How can we best support a global Green Deal through trade and investment? ([WEF](#))
- Germany is working on a green financial strategy. ([Euractiv](#), [Clean Energy Wire](#), [WEF](#), [Reuters](#))
- ECB's Christine Lagarde calls for [green union of capital markets](#).
- Elizabeth Maruma Mrema (UN CBD) calls for an end to environmentally harmful subsidies. ([The Guardian](#))

- The European Court upholds the Commission's ban on pesticides containing neonicotinoids. ([Euractiv](#))
- How will biodiversity loss affect the work of [actuaries](#)?
- How will climate change and biodiversity loss [affect us all](#)?
- IEEP's answer in the public consultation on the new [soil strategy](#).
- WWF is concerned about the negotiations for a new [Common Agricultural Policy](#).
- Should there be a label indicating the origin of the eggs in our food? ([Euractiv](#))
- The [EU and FAO](#) are teaming up to reform food systems.
- An [article](#) on home-grown food and a care ethic.
- Melting glaciers threaten the lives of many people. ([The Guardian](#))
- The ice at the South Pole may melt more rapidly at the current rate of climate change. ([The Guardian](#))
- Over the past decade Brazil's rainforest has emitted more CO<sub>2</sub> than it has absorbed. ([The Guardian](#))

## Activities

- 10/05 | Webinar | [Sustainable Finance 3.0: the big challenge ahead - seminar Timo Busch](#)
- 10/05 | Webinar | [Getting the CAP Strategic Plans done: the voice of regions and stakeholders](#)
- 10/05 | Webinar | [Where next for the EU's industrial strategy?](#)
- 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](#)
- 12/05 | Webinar | [What should be in the Commission's legislative proposal\(s\) on Hydrogen](#)
- 12/05 | Webinar | [How to become a pioneering airport region in striving towards climate neutrality?](#)
- 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](#)
- 20/05 | Webinar | [EU Taxonomy webinar](#)
- 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](#)
- 25/05 | Webinar | [Energy Efficiency First: Getting fit for climate and economic recovery](#)
- 25/05 | Webinar | [Meet the Leads: Circular Construction](#)
- 25-27/05 | Online | [Innovate4Climate](#)
- 26/05 | Online | [Aligning Financial Portfolios with Biodiversity Goals](#)
- 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 | Webinar | [Innovation pathways, strategies and policies for the low-carbon transition in Europe](#)
- 31/05 | Webinar | [Preparing Europe for Climate Change: Reinforcing climate adaptation in the regions and cities](#)
- 31/05-04/06 | Online | [EU Green Week](#)
- 08/06 | Webinar | [Streamlining Biodiversity in Companies' Decision Making](#)
- 08-10/06 | Online | [Summit 21, Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#)
- 09-10/06 | Online | [PensionsEurope annual conference](#)
- 10/06 | Webinar | [Traceability across circular value chains: How to unlock its potential and mitigate challenges?](#)
- 15-16/06 | Online | [Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum: Energy efficiency finance market place](#)
- 15-17/06 | Online | [Circularity 21](#)
- 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'](#)
- 25/06 | Online | [Council Member roundtable on Transforming Urban Mobility](#)
- 29/06 | Online | [World Climate Forum EUROPE](#)
- 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](#)
- 28-30/09 | [29th EEAC Annual conference](#)
- 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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