The European Green Deal
We want to reconcile our economy with our planet, and make it work for our people.

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

- The European Parliament's environment committee confirmed the political agreement on the European climate law. ([Reuters](#))
- E3G on the [European climate law](#).
- CAN Europe on the [European climate architecture](#).
- How will the German climate law proceed? ([Reuters](#), [Clean Energy Wire](#), [DW](#), [Clean Energy Wire](#), [E3G](#), [Reuters](#), [ReCharge](#))
- What contribution do national advisory councils make to climate policy? A [report](#) for the EEA.
- How are the preparations for the Glasgow climate conference going? ([IISD](#))
- Commissioner Timmermans thinks governments should not intervene now that the carbon price is rising. ([Euractiv](#))
- A carbon price is not enough to decarbonise industry, says chemical industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- The US government questions the proposal for a climate border adjustment mechanism (CBAM). ([Euractiv](#))
- The Commission is considering a separate carbon market for road transport and buildings. ([Euractiv](#))
- The transition to a low-carbon society is probably cheaper than some models predict. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Economic damage from increasing drought will rise sharply. ([CarbonBrief](#))

- Many cities do not have the resources to protect themselves from the effects of climate change, although they are at great risk. (The Guardian, Common Dreams)
- E3G on sustainable cooling.
- Pascal Canfin on the Green Deal.
- The Commission must continue to work on the proposal for a renewable energy directive. (Euractiv)
- CAN Europe on the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive.
- The renewable energy industry is growing very strongly. (The Guardian, Euractiv)
- WindEurope's vision of 'fit for 55%'.
- What do the recent climate promises mean for wind power? (GWEC)
- An article on Member States' implementation of 2020 climate and energy targets.
- An analysis on the role of gas in Europe's energy transition. (Reuters)
- An article about the energy transition in our homes.
- A German study on making the building stock climate neutral.
- How can blended finance accelerate the renovation of buildings? A report.
- A report on energy efficient renovation of houses of vulnerable people.
- CEWASTE's report on critical materials for transition. (The Guardian)
- A circular vision of cement, by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation.
- An article on circular economy in the construction sector.
- An article on circular economy at the corporate level.
- Germany proposed a circular roadmap.
- An article on the development of the circular economy in European Member States.
- By 2027 electric vehicles will be cheaper to produce than fossil fuel vehicles. (The Guardian, Transport & Environment)
- The tram is on the rise in a number of cities. (Politico)
- The Connecting Europe Express left on 9 May.
- An open letter from a group of NGOs to transport ministers about international trains.
- The Commission proposed on 12 May a communication on 'zero-pollution' for water, air and soil. Previews: Bloomberg, Earth.Org. The action plan. Comments afterwards: Euractiv, Euractiv, EurEau, EEB, ERS, HEAL, Seas At Risk, Transport & Environment, Forbes, EU Reporter, Water News Europe.
- Comments on the industrial strategy: Wendel Trio, Science | Business, META, Cefic.
- What does the Green Deal mean for EU-Russia relations? (Natalia Piskulova)
- Reflections on the Social Summit in Porto: Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv.
- Ben Wreschner and Dharmendra Kanani on the importance of citizen participation for the green transition.
- A briefing on the Just Transition Fund.
- ETUI on the importance of green finance.
- An article on regional bioeconomies.
- What is the state of the European Recovery Fund? (Euractiv)
- The Green Recovery Tracker on the national plans for recovery and resilience.
- The G7 countries should invest heavily in sustainable economic recovery. (LSE)
- What are the implications of Covid-19 for the least developed countries? (Earth.Org)
- How will the EU's new due diligence laws help reduce its carbon footprint? (ClientEarth)
- Fabio Panetta (ECB) on a global accord on sustainable finance. (Project Syndicate)
- The German 30-year green bonds are a great success. (Euractiv)
- Better standards for data and disclosure can make for greener financial policies. (IMF Blog)
- A workshop by UNCTAD and CBD on the role of trade in the post-2020 framework for biodiversity.

- Rich countries that give money for biodiversity programmes in the South sometimes cause more damage. A new report by [Third World Network](). ([BBC]())
- An article on [behavioural science]() and tackling the biodiversity crisis.
- An [article]() on food loss and waste.
- A briefing on the [strategic plans]() for the Common Agricultural Policy.
- CAN Europe analysed the [strategic plans]() of some member states in the framework of the Common Agricultural Policy.
- A citizens' initiative to end the use of cages for farm animals obliges the Commission to come up with a communication. This is expected in the course of June. ([Politico]())
- An [article]() on the effects of heat stress on health in Africa.
- What about the Euro-African partnership? ([Euractiv]())

Activities

- 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]()
- 18-19/06 | Online | [3rd OECD Roundtable: Challenges and opportunities in the post-COVID-19]()
- 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]()
- 25/05 | Webinar | [Global Europe: Is the EU serious about engaging with Africa?]()
- 25/05 | Webinar | [Corporate Sustainability Reporting: Setting an EU standard]()
- 25/05 | Webinar | [Mental health, well-being and the environment]()
- 25-26/05 | Online | [2021 Energy Efficiency Finance Forum VIRTUAL]()
- 25-27/05 | Online | [Innovate4Climate]()
- 26/05 | Online | [Aligning Financial Portfolios with Biodiversity Goals]()
- 26/05 | Webinar | [Biodiversity Conservation and modern data technologies]()
- 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]()
- 27/05 | Webinar | [Life on a farm: Long-term sustainability through integrated pest management]()
- 27/05 | Online | [European Green Infrastructure Day 2021]()
- 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](#)
- 01/06 | Online | [Stronger Together: Accelerating the Circular Economy](#)
- 01/06 | Webinar | [Exploring the Relationship between Migration and Air Pollution in Europe](#)
- 02/06 | Webinar | [Circular electronics - Product as a service in a circular economy](#)
- 07-09/06 | Online | [Efficient Buildings Digital Days #1](#)
- 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 | [Efficient Buildings Digital Days #2](#)
- 15-17/06 | Online | [Circularity 21](#)
- 18/06 | Online | [The Trans-European Networks for Energy a Milestone Towards a Renewables-Powered EU](#)
- 21-23/06 | Online | [Healthy Buildings Europe 2021](#)
- 21-25/06 | [Transport and Climate Change Week](#)
- 21-25/06 | Online | [World Sustainable Energy Days 2021](#)
- 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'](#)
- 24/06 | Webinar | [Fit for purpose? The role of renewable fuels on the road to 2030 and beyond](#)
- 25/06 | Online | [Council Member roundtable on Transforming Urban Mobility](#)
- 29/06 | Online | [World Climate Forum EUROPE](#)
- 06/07 | Webinar | [The role of science in sustainable food and how to communicate it](#)
- 09/07 | Online | [The SDGs in time of crisis: A sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 as an opportunity to realize the SDGs](#)
- 12/07 | Webinar | [Recovery and sustainability – how can SMEs achieve both?](#)
- 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 Anual conference](#)
- 11-14/10 | [The European SDG Summit 2021](#)
- 24-26/11 | [2nd International Conference on Circularity in the Built Environment](#)

Commission documents

- 18/05 | Communication on business taxation for the 21st century | Communication on the global approach to research and innovation
- 26/05 | Guidance for strengthening the code of practice on disinformation
- 02/06 | European Semester Spring Package
- 08/06 | Draft General Budget 2022

- 16/06 | Lessons learnt from the COVID-19 crisis | Second stage consultation of social partners on improving the working conditions in platform work
- 30/06 | Revision of the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC | Long-term vision for rural areas | Communication in response to the European citizens' initiative End the Cage Age
- 06/07 | Renewed sustainable finance strategy | Establishment of an EU green bond standard | Anti-money laundering legislative package

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