



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 24 and 25 May, there was a [European Council](#). Climate was one of the topics discussed there. ([Conclusions](#)) ([Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#), [Reuters](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Político](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Frans Timmermans on the challenges of European climate policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Can the [Conference on the Future of Europe](#) play a role in improving climate policy? ([Nils Meyer-Ohlendorf](#))
- A briefing on the [European adaptation strategy](#).
- We Mean Business about '[net zero](#)'.
- What is the role of biomass in the transition to 'net zero'? ([Peg Putt](#))
- Eurelectric on the importance of electrification in the 'Fit for 55%' package. ([Kristian Ruby](#), [ReCharge](#))
- CAN Europe on the revision of [the ETS](#), the revision of the [TEN-E Regulation](#) and the [Effort Sharing Regulation](#) (ESR).
- Reflections on the review of the Renewable Energy Directive: [SolarPower Europe](#), [Reuters](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [IEEP](#).
- A number of Member States are calling for better monitoring of the use of 'biofuels'. ([Euractiv](#))
- Local communities can take the energy transition into their own hands. ([Molly Walsh](#))
- There is a need for a long-term vision on carbon taxation. ([Darragh Conway](#))
- A meta-analysis of 18 recent energy transition scenarios. ([EnergyPost](#))

- Comments on IEA's roadmap 'net zero': [E3G](#).
- Are big oil companies ready for the green transition? ([Brett Christophers](#))
- A Dutch court has ordered Shell to raise its climate ambition. ([Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [CIEL](#), [DW](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Hannibal Rhoades and Andy Whitmore on mining critical materials and the [transition to a circular economy](#).
- [Meadhbh Bolger](#) on green mining.
- A literature review on the [concept of circular economy](#).
- An [article](#) on the importance of circular economy and sustainability for economic recovery policy.
- An article on the [role of circular economy](#) in the decarbonisation of heavy industry.
- Some NGOs ask the Commission for better definitions for [recycled plastics](#).
- Simply choosing a carbon market to decarbonise transport can have undesirable effects. This is shown in a recent study. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- An [article](#) about likely scenarios for urban mobility until 2030.
- An [article](#) about MaaS and accessibility of transport.
- The Commission organizes a [number of workshops](#) for stakeholders about the new 'Urban Mobility Initiative'.
- The environmental impact of private aircraft has risen sharply. A [study](#) by Transport & Environment.
- The [ministers of transport](#) meet on 3 June.
- A study on [electric mobility](#) and its application in countries of the South.
- Reflections on the new industrial strategy: [Jacques Delors Centre](#), [Corporate Leaders Group](#), [EIT Raw Materials](#).
- META on the [eco-label for cosmetics](#).
- What is needed for a profound transformation? ([Sally Uren](#))
- The parliaments of all member states have now approved the European Recovery Fund. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [new report](#) on green and fair recovery policies.
- Green recovery policies start [in the cities](#).
- An [article](#) on national and regional initiatives for a just transition.
- An [article](#) on the concept of corporate social responsibility.
- The Commission has postponed the presentation of its own due diligence proposal by several months. ([Politico](#))
- NGOs reiterate their support for a Commission initiative for '[Sustainable Corporate Governance](#)'.
- A new report on the [role of central banks](#) in the transition to 'net zero'.
- The financial world should be prepared for the fact that the transition to a climate-neutral society will not be easy. ([The Guardian](#), [Bloomberg](#))
- A [report](#) by Nicholas Stern and others for the IMF on the importance of a systemic climate policy.
- A new tool to help banks assess [the impact of their projects on biodiversity](#).
- A new report by UNEP: [State of Finance for Nature](#). ([The Guardian](#), [UN News](#))
- Biofuel producers protest against proposed taxonomy for sustainable finance. ([Euractiv](#))
- [BirdLife](#) on green recovery policies.
- The European Council adopted conclusions on a [sustainable 'blue economy'](#).
- There was a discussion in the European Parliament on the biodiversity strategy. ([WWF](#), [WWF](#))
- An article on [biodiversity and human rights](#).
- A group of companies calls for a strict framework against imported deforestation. ([WWF](#))

- A Commission progress report on the [protection of pollinators](#).
- Climate change and biodiversity must be tackled together. ([WEF](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the Farm to Fork strategy.
- Will small farms survive in future agricultural policy? ([The Guardian](#))
- Negotiations on the [future of European agricultural policy](#) have continued in recent days, in the so-called 'trilogue'. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Arc2020](#), [IEEP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#)). There was no real breakthrough in the parallel meeting of the [Council of Agriculture Ministers](#). Further negotiations have been postponed to the June Council.
- A new report on [climate finance](#).
- A study on the impact of climate change on mental health. ([The Guardian](#))

Activities

- 30/05 | Webinar | [ENERGY 2021 - The Eleventh International Conference on Smart Grids, Green Communications and IT Energy-aware Technologies](#)
- 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 | Webinar | [Building on nature: Area-based conservation as a key tool for delivering SDGs](#)
- 31/05 | Webinar | [IRENA Global Atlas for Renewable Energy](#)
- 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](#)
- 01/06 | Online | [Waste Management: combining the circular economy with the zero-pollution ambition](#)
- 02/06 | Webinar | [Circular electronics - Product as a service in a circular economy](#)
- 02/06 | Webinar | [Workshop on the global dimension of textiles in a circular economy](#)
- 03/06 | Webinar | [Environmental sustainability and equality: dilemma or opportunity?](#)
- 03/06 | Webinar | [Revision EPBD, Accessible & affordable financing](#)
- 03/06 | Webinar | [Surfing the renovation wave: Can Europe “build back better”?](#)
- 04/06 | Webinar | [COP26: Will it be different this time?](#)
- 07/06 | Online | [The path to our industrial future: Updating the new industrial strategy](#)
- 07-09/06 | Online | [Efficient Buildings Digital Days #1](#)
- 08/06 | Webinar | [Streamlining Biodiversity in Companies' Decision Making](#)
- 08/06 | Webinar | [EU's Hydrogen Strategy: How Can We Achieve the 2030 Green Hydrogen Production Target?](#)
- 08/06 | Webinar | [The Path to a Low-Carbon Future](#)
- 08/06 | Webinar | [The Recovery and Resilience Fund: Accelerating the digitalisation of the EU?](#)
- 08/06 | Online | [Facing the challenges of a fast track transition to electromobility – What is at stake for Europe?](#)
- 08/06 | Webinar | [Cohesion Policy – Dialogue between key actors](#)
- 08-10/06 | Online | [Summit 21, Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#)
- 08-10/06 | Online | [3rd International Forum on Long-term Scenarios for the Clean Energy Transition](#)
- 09/06 | Webinar | [How can climate litigation help fighting climate change?](#)
- 09/06 | Webinar | [The EU Taxonomy: what impact will it have?](#)
- 09-10/06 | Online | [PensionsEurope annual conference](#)

- 10/06 | Webinar | [Traceability across circular value chains: How to unlock its potential and mitigate challenges?](#)
- 10/06 | Webinar | [Implementing the Green ICT on the regional and local level](#)
- 15/06 | Webinar | [Financing Our Future – Financing A Global Green Deal](#)
- 15/06 | Webinar | [A Holistic Approach to Battery Safety and Sustainability for Europe](#)
- 15/06 | Webinar | [The Twin Transition: How can Green Growth and Digital Transformation go hand in hand to drive Europe’s recovery?](#)
- 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](#)
- 16/06 | Webinar | [Translating climate ambition into a just transition – what should we expect from business ?](#)
- 16/06 | Webinar | [Nexus, Digitalisation and Human Capital for a Green-Deal in Transboundary Waters](#)
- 16/06 | Webinar | [The future of work in the EU - Challenges in a fast-changing world](#)
- 16/06 | Webinar | [ROAD TO ZERO: Future of automotive industry](#)
- 17/06 | Online | [RawMaterials Summit 2021](#)
- 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](#)
- 29/06 | Webinar | [Blockchain technology for sustainable supply chains and the circular economy: the potential and promise](#)
- 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](#)
- 06-10/09 | Online | [EU PVSEC 2021](#)
- 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](#)
- 26/10 | [Climate Finance Day](#)
- 03-05/11 | [Eurocities 2021 Leipzig: The power of cities – transforming society](#)
- 22-25/11 | [CONCORDi 2021: Industrial Innovation for Competitive Sustainability](#)
- 24-26/11 | [2nd International Conference on Circularity in the Built Environment](#)

Commission documents

- 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
- 23/06 | Communication on a new occupational safety and health strategy framework
- 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
- 14/07 | Fit for 55 package: - Revision of the EU Emission Trading System, including revision of the EU ETS Directive concerning aviation, maritime and CORSIA, - Revision of the Regulation on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF), - Effort Sharing Regulation, - Amendment to the Renewable Energy Directive to implement the ambition of the new 2030 climate target (tbc), - Amendment of the Energy Efficiency Directive to implement the ambition of the new 2030 climate target (tbc), - ReFuelEU Aviation - sustainable aviation fuels, - FuelEU Maritime – green European maritime space, - Revision of the Directive on deployment of the alternative fuels infrastructure, - Amendment of the Regulation setting CO2 emission standards for cars and vans, - Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, - Revision of the Energy Tax Directive | Digital levy | Proposal for an own resources decision

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