



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 EU's greenhouse gas emissions fell by 4% in 2019. This is according to a new [report by the EEA](#). ([The Guardian](#))
- Ahead of COP26, more climate ambition is needed, says Commission. ([Euractiv](#))
- A briefing on the [European climate law](#).
- The [Electrification Alliance](#) about 'fit for 55%'.
- An interview with Johan Rockström about the climate challenge. ([The Guardian](#))
- The EU needs to pay more attention to innovation to reach the climate targets. ([Peter Sweatman and Thomas Pellerin-Carlin](#))
- Ana Palacio and Simone Tagliapietra call for a [Transatlantic Climate Alliance](#).
- [CAN Europe](#) on the upcoming EU-US summit on 15 June.
- A proposal by Climate Strategies for a [Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism](#) (CBAM).
- A draft of the Commission's proposal for a CBAM has been leaked. ([Euractiv](#))
- Does the proposed revision of the Renewable Energy Directive give additional opportunities to geothermal? ([Euractiv](#))
- Some NGOs are calling for the EU to stop supporting the burning of wood from forests for energy. ([BirdLife](#))
- A group of member states are against giving support to fossil projects under the "TEN-E" directive. ([Euractiv](#))
- IRENA is working on a framework for a [just and inclusive energy transition](#).
- Germany is to invest in large-scale hydrogen projects. ([Euractiv](#))

- A group of MEPs on the Energy Charter Treaty. ([Euractiv](#))
- Sustainable renovation is the key to a green recovery policy, says the construction industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- Will the 'renovation wave' provide solutions for the poorest? ([Anna Kompatscher](#))
- A [new report](#) on the need for more ambition for the renovation wave. ([Euractiv](#), [Architects' Journal](#))
- A [briefing](#) from E3G on deep building renovations.
- The Council of Energy Ministers will adopt conclusions on the [renovation wave](#) on 11 June.
- The metal recycling industry is concerned about announced new rules against waste shipments. ([Euractiv](#))
- For a circular economy, we need to focus not only on recycling but also on reuse. ([Joan Marc Simon](#))
- A report by Circle Economy on a [circular clothing industry](#) in the Netherlands.
- An [article](#) on companies that have embarked on circular practices.
- An [article](#) on promoting reuse in the context of extended producer responsibility schemes for white goods.
- An [article](#) about circular economy in the public sector.
- An [article](#) about experiments with business models for the circular economy.
- An [article](#) about a circular economy for the data centre industry.
- An [article](#) about a circular digital built environment.
- A mining project in Greenland for critical materials is likely to be halted. ([Politico](#))
- The geopolitical dimension of the critical materials supply debate. ([Frank Umbach](#))
- A group of organisations ask for [an alternative](#) to new mining projects within the framework of the Green Deal. ([The Ecologist](#), [META](#))
- The Commission issued guidance on EU rules on [single-use plastics](#).
- An [article](#) on the potential of seaweed as a sustainable material.
- Average emissions from new cars continued to rise in 2019. This is shown in [a report](#) by the EEA.
- Transport & Environment on [company cars](#).
- Do the official EU statistics accurately reflect the expected share of electric cars? ([Euractiv](#))
- The car industry's opposition to stricter emission standards threatens the right to clean air. ([Anna Krajinska](#))
- Maersk is in favour of a carbon tax for shipping. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) about the expected developments in the field of transport after Covid-19.
- More is needed to achieve safe and sustainable chemicals. This is shown in the [recent ECHA report](#). ([Euractiv](#))
- What role do citizens have for a green and digital transition? ([EU Reporter](#))
- The EU is going to invest in green technology together with Bill Gates. ([Euractiv](#))
- A report by CEPS on the EU's [industrial strategy](#).
- All member states have now approved the [European Recovery Fund](#). Spain, among others, is calling for the rapid approval of national recovery and resilience plans so that the financial support can be deployed in the short term. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euractiv](#))
- A new analysis by Bruegel on the [national plans for recovery and resilience](#).
- The Green Recovery Tracker on the [national plans for recovery and resilience](#).
- The Commission published the '[Spring Package](#)' as part of the European Semester. ([Euractiv](#))
- Man-made climate change is responsible for a large proportion of heat-related deaths. ([The Guardian](#))
- António Guterres calls for a global partnership aimed at sustainable recovery policies with the SDGs at their core. ([UN News](#))

- An agreement has been reached at the EU level on a framework that imposes transparency on multinational companies about how much tax they pay in which countries. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#))
- Some recent legal rulings against the oil industry will also have an impact on the financial world. ([The Guardian](#))
- The G7 countries have given more money to fossil fuels than to clean energy in recent months, despite all sorts of promises. A [new report](#) reveals this. ([The Guardian](#), [IISD](#), [Common Dreams](#), [OilChange](#))
- The way the financial sector defines risk can undermine sustainability strategies. An [article](#) by the Stockholm Resilience Centre.
- An [article](#) by Finance Watch on climate risks and financial stability.
- Some NGO representatives return to the advisory group on the taxonomy for sustainable finance. ([ECOS](#), [BirdLife](#), [Reuters](#), [WWF](#))
- The Commission is considering giving Member States a greater role in determining which technology can be considered sustainable for the purposes of the taxonomy. ([Euractiv](#))
- CEPS on greening the European [green bond market](#).
- The European Parliament Environment Committee adopted [a report](#) on the European biodiversity strategy. The report will be [presented to the Parliament's plenary session](#) in [early June](#). Some fear that the plenary will weaken the text of the Environment Committee. ([Water Europe](#), [META](#), [WWF](#))
- The world community urgently needs to restore nature. The UN calls for a "[Decade on ecosystem restoration](#)". ([The Guardian](#), [WHO](#))
- A [new UNEP report](#) highlights the need to restore degraded land in order to improve biodiversity.
- Seas At Risk has [recommendations](#) for improving ocean biodiversity.
- Climate change threatens life in many lakes. ([The Guardian](#))
- The "[EU Ecosystem Assessment](#)".
- The Commission is working on rules to combat deforestation. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Olivia Lazard](#) on the European strategy against deforestation.
- A briefing on [trade policy and biodiversity](#).
- A new [report](#) on the role of natural areas as tools for achieving the SDGs.
- An [article](#) on 'nature-based solutions' in urban planning for climate adaptation.
- The inter-institutional negotiations on the future Common Agricultural Policy have failed. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Arc2020](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Cattle Site](#), [Slow Food](#), [Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on food loss and waste in the meat sector.
- An article by LSE on [ISDS and climate action](#).
- Charles Michel on "[A New Deal for Africa](#)".
- Rich countries fail to deliver on climate finance promises. ([The Guardian](#))

Activities

- 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](#)
- 08/06 | Webinar | [Future generations and intergenerational equity](#)
- 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?](#)
- 09/06 | Webinar | [JICE - Promoting a circular transition in cities and regions](#)
- 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?](#)
- 15/06 | Webinar | [Facilitating access to climate finance through effective multilevel governance](#)
- 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](#)
- 16/06 | Webinar | [Industrial symbiosis: A tool for the Green Deal](#)
- 16-18/06 | Online | [European Organic Congress 2021: ‘Organic’s contribution to the European Green Deal’](#)
- 17/06 | Webinar | [Corporate Sustainability Reporting: recent developments](#)
- 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](#)

- 05/07 | Webinar | [EU policies for healthy food environments – What role for all stakeholders?](#)
- 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](#)
- 29/10 | [The European Green Deal: how to make the economy sustainable and what are the risks for workers?](#)
- 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

- 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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