



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 has been the impact of granting free allowances under the ETS? ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- On 10 June the [environment ministers](#) met. ([CAN Europe](#)) The [results](#) of the meeting and the conclusions on the [adaptation strategy](#). ([Euractiv](#))
- EnergyPost about '[fit for 55%](#)'.
- [IndustriAll](#) about fit for 55%.
- The Commission is working on a social fund to support vulnerable households for the consequences of an expansion of the ETS system. ([Euractiv](#), [EESC](#))
- What is the state of play on the carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM)? ([Euractiv](#))
- [Sebastian Oberthür and Claire Dupont](#) call for an EU grand climate strategy.
- CO₂ levels in the atmosphere continue to rise, despite the pandemic. ([The Guardian](#))
- An interview with António Guterres on the climate crisis. ([The Guardian](#))
- Jennifer Tollmann and Max Gruenig on the [EU-US summit](#) on 15 June.
- A [group of organisations](#) call for higher targets in the Renewable Energy Directive.
- There is enough potential for renewable energy around the world to replace fossil fuels and meet the 1.5°C target. A [new report](#) by Fossil Fuel Exit Strategy.
- PWC on the [energy system of the future](#).
- The IEA calls for more investment in the [energy transition in developing countries](#).
- The further development of solar energy is slowed down by rising costs of raw materials, among other things. ([Euractiv](#))

- Forest Defenders Alliance wants an end to the [burning of wood from forests](#) to generate energy. A group of NGOs calls for the preparation of the taxonomy for sustainable finance to be suspended until other crucial files are settled. ([Transport & Environment](#), [WWF](#))
- The industry expects the price of clean hydrogen to fall sharply by mid-century. ([Euractiv](#))
- Hydrogen Europe believes that the proposed taxonomy for sustainable finance could have been more ambitious regarding green hydrogen. ([Euractiv](#))
- It's not a good idea to look to Africa for our green hydrogen. ([Luc Grare](#))
- EnergyPost about the [hydrogen plans](#) of some European countries.
- According to Airbus, hydrogen will not really be used in aircraft until after 2050. ([Euractiv](#))
- Big oil companies are starting to invest more in renewable energy, which means that 'peak oil' is getting closer. ([Euractiv](#))
- The [European construction sector](#) is calling for an ambitious policy to decarbonise buildings.
- Discussions on the European recovery fund could lead to the 'renovation wave' being delayed. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on instruments for deep renovation of buildings.
- Energy Cities joins the new European [Bauhaus](#).
- France calls for faster implementation of the new framework for batteries. ([Euractiv](#))
- Germany now has 20 years of experience with a deposit system for beverage containers. ([Euractiv](#))
- The [Commission and UNEP](#) are going to work together for a circular economy.
- How can countries make progress in the circular economy? There is much to learn from Finland's experience. ([WEF](#))
- Are there alternatives to new mining projects? A [report](#).
- KPMG on the importance for companies of a [circular economy](#) as a strategy to reach climate goals.
- Metabolic on the role of the public and private sector in the development of [circular cities](#).
- An article about [material passports](#) for buildings.
- An [article](#) about the potential of circular economy on a territorial level.
- An [article](#) about design aimed at 'recirculation'.
- An [article](#) about industry 4.0 and circular economy.
- Can non-sustainable electronics support sustainability? An [article](#).
- The Commission wants to impose mandatory targets on the car industry for use of recycled materials. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Commission is working on a revision of the end-of-life vehicles directive. ([Euractiv](#))
- Orgalim on the [Sustainable Products legislative Initiative](#) (SPI).
- [META](#) on the Sustainable Products Initiative.
- Stricter targets are needed for the transport sector to achieve climate neutrality, says [CAN Europe](#) in a new report.
- How can hydrogen decarbonise the maritime sector? A [report](#).
- Without stricter targets for electric vehicles, the EU risks missing out on many investments in sustainable batteries. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- An article on [sustainable MaaS](#).
- An [article](#) on urban mobility after Covid-19.
- The future for European cities is climate neutral. That is what [EuroCities](#) says.
- The Commission published the proposal for the [2022 budget](#).
- The European Parliament's environment committee will vote on the 8th Environmental Action Programme (8EAP) next week. ([WWF](#))
- The Council has now also finally approved the [Just Transition Fund](#). ([Reuters](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the European Recovery Plan.

- The European Parliament asks the Commission to approve only those [national plans for recovery and resilience](#) that really opt for a sustainable recovery policy.
- A report by LSE, including Nicholas Stern, made for the G7, on [sustainable recovery policies](#).
- An [article](#) on roadmaps for a climate-neutral transition of heavy industry.
- Some airlines request funds from the green recovery fund. ([Euractiv](#))
- An analysis of the submitted national plans for recovery and resilience shows that they pay too little attention to the digital transition. ([Euractiv](#))
- Intel will open a foundry for advanced semiconductors in Europe. ([Euractiv](#))
- How can we recover [waste heat from data centres](#)?
- An [article](#) on large digital technology companies and sustainable development.
- [CECOP](#) on the industrial strategy.
- An [article](#) on 'responsible' and 'sustainable' tourism.
- G7 ministers have an agreement to require companies to report on the climate impact of their decisions. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) about CSR in times of Covid-19.
- Are fossil fuel assets becoming the new "subprimes"? A [report](#) by Reclaim Finance.
- The EIB is far from being a climate bank, say [Jennifer Morgan and Xavier Sol](#).
- According to Swiss Re, climate inaction is not an option. A [report](#).
- A group of major investors is calling on governments to stop subsidising fossil fuels. ([The Guardian](#))
- Commission says first bond sale to support EU recovery fund is fast approaching. ([Reuters](#))
- A group of seven countries does not want the taxonomy to be used for public spending. ([Reuters](#))
- An article in Nature on [financing a sustainable ocean economy](#).
- June 5 was World Environment Day. ([UN News](#), [UN News](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the state of biodiversity, in the EU and globally.
- Scientists say more attention should be paid to the root causes of pandemics, especially the destruction of nature. ([The Guardian](#))
- Negotiations in preparation for the major biodiversity summit in Kunming are not progressing well enough. ([Climate Home News](#), [The Guardian](#))
- The European Parliament voted on [a report](#) on the biodiversity strategy. ([European Parliament](#), [Reuters](#), [WWF](#), [Euractiv](#), [EU Observer](#), [HSI](#), [EuroNews](#), [Eurogroup for Animals](#), [Seas at Risk](#))
- The climate and nature crises must be tackled together. So says [a new report](#) commissioned by IPBES and IPCC. [Press release](#). ([The Guardian](#), [Reuters](#))
- Meeting biodiversity targets will be impossible without addressing the role of indigenous peoples and local communities. ([WWF](#))
- It is important that we restore our soils. So says a [new FAO report](#). ([The Guardian](#))
- Many member states are not doing enough to restore polluted rivers to health. A [new report](#) by WWF.
- The plastic waste in the sea consists mainly of drink and food packaging. ([The Guardian](#))
- A report by SEI about [nature-based solutions](#).
- The Club of Rome made an analysis of the national plans for recovery and resilience and concluded that there is too little attention for [nature-based solutions](#).
- The European Parliament is calling for an end to cage breeding. The Commission will soon come up with a proposal. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#))
- By supporting the fossil industry, governments are putting the human rights of millions of people at risk. So says Amnesty International in a [new report](#).
- How can we accelerate Africa's sustainable energy transition? ([Lily Odarno](#))
- [Nick Robins](#) on the challenge of a just transition in the South.

- Countries in the South that are highly vulnerable to climate change are often also heavily indebted, making economic recovery difficult. What can be done? ([WEF](#))

Activities

- 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](#)
- 15/06 | Webinar | [High-level Panel on “Promoting an Inclusive Recovery”](#)
- 15/06 | Online | [The Great Transition: How to get to carbon zero 2050?](#)
- 15/06 | Webinar | [COP26 – recognizing the role of trade and the private sector in adaptation](#)
- 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](#)
- 16/06 | Webinar | [European and National Development Banks for the Green Transition](#)
- 16/06 | Webinar | [Designing the net-zero gas system](#)
- 16/06 | Online | [Online training session: How to implement a MaaS system in your city](#)
- 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](#)
- 17/06 | Webinar | [The politics of biofuels and bioeconomy: who wins and who loses?](#)
- 17/06 | Webinar | [Urban Environmental Justice & Green Gentrification](#)
- 17/06 | Webinar | [US-EU Exchange: Advancing a climate-neutral recovery](#)
- 18/06 | Online | [The Trans-European Networks for Energy a Milestone Towards a Renewables-Powered EU](#)
- 18/06 | Webinar | [Towards a holistic strategy on sustainable and equitable rural and urban development](#)
- 21/06 | Online | [Advertising for modern, responsible consumption](#)
- 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](#)
- 22/06 | Webinar | [Protecting nature’s protectors: Rangers as 'key workers' for delivering SDGs](#)
- 22/06 | Online | [Local Green Deals - A Blueprint for Action](#)
- 23/06 | Webinar | [Future of work – how has the COVID-19 pandemic re-shaped the agenda?](#)
- 23/06 | Online | [Environmental Risks and the Insurance Industry: Stepping up actions](#)
- 23/06 | Webinar | [How can cities and regions support a more circular building sector?](#)

- 23/06 | Webinar | [New Resources for the EU Green Deal](#)
- 23/06 | Webinar | [Life on a farm: Nature-based solutions to the climate challenge](#)
- 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](#)
- 24/06 | Webinar | [Biocontrol, an essential ingredient of the Green Deal?](#)
- 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](#)
- 29/06 | Online | [Online training session: Planning for more resilient and robust urban mobility](#)
- 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](#)
- 08/07 | Webinar | [Tools and Lessons for inclusive and sustainable recovery to secure, regain and sustain SDG momentum](#)
- 08/07 | Webinar | [How to measure and reduce plastic in healthcare](#)
- 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?](#)
- 15/07 | Online | [Distributed Energy Resources as new Infrastructure, versus Incumbent Utilities](#)
- 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](#)
- 07/09 | Webinar | [Forest restoration and tree-planting – What impact for climate change mitigation?](#)
- 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](#)
- 16-18/11 | [Tomorrow.Mobility Congress](#)
- 22-25/11 | [CONCORDi 2021: Industrial Innovation for Competitive Sustainability](#)
- 24-26/11 | [2nd International Conference on Circularity in the Built Environment](#)

Commission documents

- 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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