



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 was agreed on climate at the G7 meeting? ([Euractiv](#), [Greenpeace](#), [WWF](#), [Reuters](#), [E3G](#), [Reliefweb](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Preparations for COP26 are not going well. ([Climate Home News](#))
- CAN Europe on the revision of the [EU LULUCF regulation](#).
- Matthias Buck and Andreas Graf support an [ETS for transport and buildings](#).
- The [Commission](#) responded to the meeting of [energy ministers](#).
- A reflection on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, by some experts from IRENA. ([EnergyPost](#))
- The energy ministers came to a difficult and contested compromise on the [TEN-E regulation](#). ([Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euractiv](#))
- A Commission proposal for the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive (REDII) has been leaked. ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU wants stricter rules for energy from 'renewable' biomass. ([Euractiv](#))
- 20 European organisations demand in a manifesto that the EU stops using fossil gas by 2035. ([CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#))
- The energy ministers had a discussion on the hydrogen strategy. One of the issues discussed was how much hydrogen can be imported. ([Euractiv](#))
- Some projects for 'hydrogen valleys' are already in preparation. ([Euractiv](#))
- The European Parliament is preparing [a report](#) on offshore renewable energy. ([WWF](#))
- The energy ministers also adopted conclusions on the [renovation wave](#).

- [Davide Sabbadin and Mélissa Zill](#) on decarbonising our heating systems.
- More attention is needed on the whole carbon cycle of the built environment. ([Cristina Gamboa](#))
- There are still differences of opinion between Member States on the new framework for sustainable batteries. ([Euractiv](#))
- Rare earths are at the centre of tension between the US, EU and China. ([Euractiv](#))
- An article by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation on the new [Bauhaus and the circular economy](#).
- NGOs call for a sustainable textile policy with a [new campaign](#). ([RReuse](#), [EEB](#))
- EIT Climate-KIC on [plastics policy](#).
- The [packaging industry's](#) vision of a coherent circular economy.
- An [article](#) on the sharing economy and the "last mile".
- How can the car industry become circular? ([Maya Ben Dror and Tilmann Vahle](#))
- An [article](#) about circular economy and the automotive industry.
- Only Volvo and Volkswagen are ready for the transition to electric cars by 2030. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- There is an agreement on the new "Eurovignette". ([Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- A [new EEA report](#) on air quality in cities. ([The Guardian](#))
- Cities play a crucial role in the transition to a green sustainable future. So says [the EEA](#).
- A [briefing](#) on the national plans for recovery and resilience.
- The Commission approved the first national plans, notably those of [Spain](#) and [Portugal](#), followed by [Greece](#), [Luxembourg](#) and [Denmark](#). ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- [Economic and finance ministers](#) (ECOFIN) discussed recovery policies on 18 June. ([CAN Europe](#))
- META on [gender](#) and national plans for recovery and resilience.
- Chatham House on [green recovery policies](#).
- Industriall on [just transition](#).
- Can we learn lessons for the green transition from the experiences of the post-communist countries in the 1990s? ([Werner Hoyer and Sabine Mauderer](#))
- Egmont on greening [cultural diplomacy](#).
- Germany has a 'due diligence' law. ([Euractiv](#))
- Is it time to make climate risk disclosure mandatory? ([PRI](#))
- The Commission raised money to finance the European recovery fund. ([Euractiv](#))
- What are the possibilities of integrating climate criteria into the ECB's macroeconomic policies? ([Greenpeace](#))
- Preparatory negotiations for the biodiversity summit in Kunming in October are not going well. ([Politico](#))
- IPBES8 runs from 14 to 24 June. ([IISD](#))
- Discussions on the future Common Agricultural Policy continue. A new 'trilogue' is coming. The Portuguese Presidency is still trying to reach an agreement by the end of this month. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- A different trade policy is needed to achieve a sustainable agricultural policy. ([Thilo Bode](#))
- Drought is a global crisis that has received too little attention and could potentially become the "next pandemic". So says the UN in a new report. ([The Guardian](#))
- A [new report](#) on greening international trade.
- The new [Sustainable Development Report 2021](#) has been published. For the first time since 2015, there was no progress in implementing the SDGs in 2020.
- Climate crisis could jeopardise supply of coffee and chocolate to Europe. ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate finance agreements are not being adequately met. It remains one of the difficult issues in the run-up to COP26. ([Euractiv](#))

- The new EU-Africa partnership should focus on the sustainable energy transition. ([Jesse Salah Ovidia](#))

Activities

- 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](#)
- 25/06 | Online | [Environmental Liability and Biodiversity](#)
- 28-29/06 | Online | [ICCES 2021: 15. International Conference on Circular Economy and Sustainability](#)
- 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](#)
- 30/06 | Webinar | [Data-driven actions as the key to deliver sustainability in the EU dairy sector?](#)
- 01/07 | Webinar | [How green is state aid control?](#)
- 01/07 | Online | [Building a Greener Recovery: Implications for Emerging and Developing Economies](#)
- 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](#)
- 06-07/07 | Online | [European Green Deal Cluster Event](#)
- 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](#)
- 03-11/09 | Hybrid | [IUCN World Conservation Congress](#)
- 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](#)
- 06-07/11 | [2021 Global Conference on Health and Climate Change](#)
- 08-10/11 | [Sustainable Innovation Forum](#)
- 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

- 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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