



## 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 Thursday 24 June, the European Parliament voted on [the climate law](#). A [briefing](#) on the climate law. ([Parliament](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#))
- [CarbonBrief](#) on the virtual preparations for the COP26 climate conference.
- The UN is concerned about slow progress in negotiations for the climate conference (COP26) in Glasgow. ([The Guardian](#))
- Antonio Guterres says the success of COP26 will depend on financial contributions from rich countries. ([Euractiv](#))
- [ERT](#) on 'fit for 55%'.
- Climate scientists are very concerned about so-called 'tipping points'. This is according to a leaked version of a new report by the IPCC. ([The Guardian](#))
- How can we measure the progress of EU policies towards climate neutrality? A [report](#) by Ecologic Institute.
- Climate Action Tracker produced an [evaluation methodology](#) for national 'net zero targets'. ([Silke Mooldijk](#), [Frederic Hans](#) and [Claire Fyson](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the priority dossiers for the Slovenian Presidency. ([BEUC](#), [Digital Europe](#))
- Comments are still forthcoming on the framework developed by the Commission for determining whether gas projects can receive subsidies, under the TEN-E regulation. ([Euractiv](#))
- There are too many leaks in gas infrastructure, releasing methane into the air. ([Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#))

- The current proposal for the Renewable Energy Directive threatens our forests. ([Dominic Scott, Jan Rosenow and Samuel Thomas](#))
- NGOs react to the Commission's proposal for the Renewable Energy Directive. ([WWF](#))
- The cost of renewable energy continues to fall. A [new report](#) from IRENA. ([The Guardian](#))
- The [Renewables 2021 Global Status Report](#) has been published. ([Construction21](#))
- An [article](#) on the impact of Covid-19 on energy use and emissions.
- [Geert De Cock](#) on green hydrogen and the delegated act on renewable fuels of non-organic origin.
- An [article](#) on local energy communities and digital technology.
- [Orgalim](#) on the revision of the directive on the energy performance of buildings.
- A carbon tax is an effective price signal for the building sector. ([Oliver Rapf](#))
- An [article](#) on the ecological retrofitting of existing buildings.
- An [article](#) on Near Zero-Energy Buildings (NEZBs).
- Europe is going to produce its own batteries for electric cars. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on assessing environmental performance in the circular economy.
- Low-carbon infrastructure should be designed so that dismantling can be done based on the principles of a circular economy. An [article](#).
- An [EEA report](#) on Covid-19 and disposable products.
- A group of companies from the packaging sector calls for extended producer responsibility for packaging. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- What is '[modular construction](#)'?
- An [article](#) on 'expandable houses', as an element of circular construction.
- An [article](#) about circular design.
- An [article](#) about sustainable product development in the circular economy.
- An [article](#) about product labels for the circular economy.
- An [article](#) about the impact of Covid-19 on sharing platforms.
- An [article](#) about circular health care.
- There is a future for electric trucks. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- A briefing on [social impact assessment](#) in the context of sustainable urban mobility planning.
- An [article](#) on hubs for shared mobility.
- A French start-up wants to develop a network of night trains. ([The Guardian](#))
- A draft text of the Commission's plans for tackling emissions from shipping has been leaked. ([Transport & Environment](#), [The Guardian](#))
- An [article](#) on green ports.
- An [article](#) on circular economy and ports.
- Proposed new rules on chemicals would allow the use of polymers without further controls. A group of scientists is concerned. ([EEB](#), [The Guardian](#), [META](#))
- The EESC workers' group wants to improve the Green Deal on a number of points, with a view to a just transition. ([Euractiv](#))
- [ETUI](#) on 'open strategic autonomy'.
- An [article](#) on strategic autonomy.
- Some MEPs call for the industrial strategy to pay more attention to the climate challenge. ([Euractiv](#))
- The [European innovation scoreboard 2021](#).
- The Commission will relax state aid rules in order to speed up the green transition. ([Euractiv](#))
- Some NGOs think the approved national plans for recovery and resilience are not green enough. ([Euractiv](#))
- An analysis on the national plans for recovery and resilience. ([Euractiv](#))
- [CEPS](#) on the national plans for recovery and resilience.
- A [report](#) by EPC on economic recovery in the poorest regions of the EU.

- A [report](#) by E3G with practical examples of green recovery policies in different countries.
- The ITC published the [SME Competitiveness Outlook 2021, Empowering the Green Recovery](#).
- The first calls for [Horizon Europe](#) have been launched.
- An [article](#) on Covid-19 and peer to peer production and degrowth.
- An [article](#) on lifestyles after Covid-19.
- The Council adopted conclusions on the [implementation of the SDGs](#) by the EU. ([WWF](#))
- The EU Platform on Sustainable Finance is organising a [series of webinars](#) on the taxonomy for sustainable finance.
- [Sustainalytics](#) on the taxonomy.
- An NGO briefing on sustainable corporate governance. ([Finance Watch](#), [WWF](#), [ECCJ](#))
- Greenpeace on [greenwashing of sustainability funds](#).
- What is the impact of investor portfolios on nature, people and society? A [new report](#) by WWF.
- According to UNCTAD's [World Investment Report 2021](#), the market for sustainable finance is growing. ([UN News](#))
- Janez Potočnik and Izabella Teixeira of the International Resource Panel on the [biodiversity crisis](#).
- [Greenpeace](#) is concerned about the announced legislation against imported deforestation.
- META on [ecosystem restoration](#).
- According to a [new report](#) by the European Court of Auditors on the 2014-2020 agricultural policy, agricultural expenditure did not sufficiently reduce climate emissions. ([Euractiv](#), [Bloomberg](#))
- During a new 'trilogue' on 24-25 June, negotiations on the future Common Agricultural Policy continued. Preliminary reactions: [WWF](#), [Euractiv](#), [PAN Europe](#), [Social Europe](#).
- [BirdLife](#) on the future agricultural policy.
- A [report](#) by IEEP on the role of biocontrol for sustainable agriculture.
- Europol has already seized many illegal pesticides in the first months of this year. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the external dimension of the Green Deal.

## Activities

- 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](#)
- 29/06 | Webinar | [Open Sourcing the Green Deal: Decarbonisation of Energy Grids](#)
- 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](#)
- 01/07 | Webinar | [Global Trends in Climate Legislation – Lessons for COP26](#)
- 01/07 | Webinar | [Mobilising SME finance for a resilient, sustainable and inclusive recovery](#)
- 05/07 | Webinar | [EU policies for healthy food environments – What role for all stakeholders?](#)
- 05/07 | Webinar | [Aligning voices for a sustainable food system](#)
- 06/07 | Webinar | [The role of science in sustainable food and how to communicate it](#)

- 06/07 | Online | [Wat betekent het EU-actieplan “zero pollution” voor Vlaanderen](#)
- 06/07 | Webinar | [Leveraging interlinkages and enhancing policy coherence in SDG implementation](#)
- 06/07 | Webinar | [The role of direct air capture in making aviation sustainable](#)
- 06/07 | Webinar | [How to decarbonise shipping by 2050?](#)
- 06-07/07 | Online | [European Green Deal Cluster Event](#)
- 06-08/07 | Online | [3rd Summer School on Sustainable Finance](#)
- 07/07 | Webinar | [Dissecting the rapidly evolving space of ESG Regulation](#)
- 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](#)
- 08/07 | Webinar | [Certified paper packaging and the circular economy](#)
- 08/07 | Webinar | [Achieving the 2030 climate goals: One-stop-shops for multi-family building renovations](#)
- 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?](#)
- 13/07 | Webinar | [The role of Critical Raw Materials to form a strong industrial base](#)
- 15/07 | Online | [Distributed Energy Resources as new Infrastructure, versus Incumbent Utilities](#)
- 19-20/07 | Online | [International Conference on Ecology, Biodiversity and Environment](#)
- 21/07 | Online | [Nature, climate and health leadership for a healthy and green recovery: Catalyzing an intergenerational response](#)
- 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](#)
- 01-03/09 | Online | [4th Annual GRASFI Conference](#)
- 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 | Webinar | [Carbon removal strategy – Is it needed and will it make a difference?](#)
- 08-09/09 | [International Conference on Sustainable Development](#)
- 09/09 | Online | [Youth facing the climate and health emergencies](#)
- 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

- 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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