The European Green Deal
We want to reconcile our economy with our planet, and make it work for our people.

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 14 July, the Commission will decide on the 'Fit for 55%' package of measures. The workload for Commission officials is very high. (Politico)
- The Corporate Leaders Group calls for a strong 'Fit for 55%' package.
- Transport & Environment and CAN Europe on 'Fit for 55%'.
- CAN Europe on the revision of the LULUCF regulation.
- After the European Parliament approved the climate law in a first reading, the Council did the same.
- Wendel Trio on the approval of the climate law by the European Parliament.
- What will be the consequences of climate change in Europe? (Politico)
- What is on the agenda of the Slovenian EU Presidency? (Euractiv)
- The Commission is working on a reform of the ETS system. (Euractiv, Bloomberg)
- A draft text of the Commission's proposal for the reform of the ETS system has been leaked. (Euractiv, CAN Europe)
- EDF on the ETS review.
- How did the ETS system work from 2013 to 2019, a report by WWF.
- What does the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) mean for countries vulnerable to climate change? A briefing from IEEP.
- Anne Gläser and Oldag Caspar on the CBAM.
- The EU must make it clear to the world that we must stop using coal, says Pieter De Pous.
- CAN Europe on the revision of the Trans-European Energy Infrastructure (TEN-E) Regulation.

- Does the proposed Renewable Energy Directive pay enough attention to geothermal energy? (Euractiv)
- Gökçe Mete and Timothy Suljada on the Commission's proposals for gas regulation.
- EURIMA on the role of buildings in 'Fit for 55%'.
- Europe needs to go beyond energy efficiency when it comes to buildings, says Gonzalo Sanchez.
- An article on the importance of renovating existing buildings compared to new construction to achieve climate targets.
- 8 reasons to reuse buildings.
- FIEC is concerned about the rising prices of raw materials for the construction industry.
- Making cement from volcanic rock instead of limestone could reduce energy consumption and emissions. (EnergyPost)
- Deep-sea mining to find minerals we need for, among other things, car batteries can have major environmental consequences. (Euractiv)
- An article on the mining of critical materials in the EU.
- An article on the management of the underground, in the context of the circular economy.
- Why does the European battery industry have an interest in ambitious CO_2 targets for cars? A briefing from Transport & Environment.
- An article on circular design of composite products.
- UNCTAD on circular textiles.
- Transporters using zero-emission trucks get support measures, such as lower tolls. (Transport & Environment)
- EU regulation for vehicle charging infrastructure is needed. (Transport & Environment)
- The average CO_2 emissions of new cars will have fallen by 2020. This is according to an analysis by the EEA.
- Does car sharing reduce car ownership? An article.
- An article about the impact of the fourth industrial revolution on smart and sustainable cities.
- A new report on digitisation and sustainability. (IEEP)
- The Commission presented its long-term vision for rural areas. (Euractiv)
- The European Parliament and member states still disagree on the revision of the Aarhus Convention. (Euractiv)
- Scientists call for a global treaty to phase out the production of virgin plastics by 2040. (The Guardian)
- Which industries are most threatened by extreme weather? (WEF)
- Are the 'net zero' promises of big polluters credible? A report by CEO.
- The Committee of the Regions calls for the SDGs to guide European recovery policy.
- The Commission has again raised money for the recovery fund. (PV Magazine)
- European investors are opting for greener stocks, even if it means lower returns. That is the conclusion of a new study by JRC.
- A report on the extent to which international organisations are integrating climate change into their strategic planning and risk management.
- A draft version of the Commission's plans for making the financial sector more sustainable has been leaked. (Reuters, Euractiv, Bloomberg, Reclaim Finance)
- Germany wants nuclear power to stay out of taxonomy. (Euractiv)
- A report by Reclaim Finance on Blackrock's influence on the upcoming new rules for sustainable finance.
- ECB's Christine Lagarde favours a capital markets union for sustainable finance. (Euractiv)
- A report on systemic financial reform for the G7 and G20.

- The Commission is working on a proposal to protect cross-border investments in the EU. [CEO](#) is concerned.
- Further destruction of biodiversity could cause huge damage to the economy. ([Bloomberg](#))
- A [handbook](#) for practitioners on the use of 'nature-based solutions' (NBS).
- An [article](#) on nature-based solutions.
- The Commission has received support from a majority of Member States for better [protection of bees](#).
- How can we tackle the climate and biodiversity crisis simultaneously? ([The Conversation](#))
- Scientists want better protection of [fruit and vegetable biodiversity](#).
- How can we build biodiversity into the design of cities? An [article](#).
- The Commission will decide on the new forest strategy on 20 July. ([BirdLife](#), [WWF](#))
- On Friday 25 June a provisional political agreement was reached on the [reform of the Common Agricultural Policy](#). The [agriculture ministers](#) confirmed this agreement on Monday 28 June. The [Commission](#) is satisfied. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [The Brussels Times](#), [EEB](#), [WWF](#), [Slow Food](#), [Arc2020](#), [EuroNews](#), [Friends of the Earth](#), [Dairy Reporter](#), [Carbon Brief](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Via Campesina](#), [Euractiv](#), [IEEP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The [Commission](#) has pledged to work towards a ban on cages for farm animals. ([Euractiv](#))
- Some Member States are calling for a permanent ban on fur farming. ([Euractiv](#))
- Modern Diplomacy on [climate finance](#).
- More than 400 million people live in areas threatened by rising sea levels over the next few decades. ([The Guardian](#))

Activities

- 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 | Webinar | [Just Energy Transition: Cases and learnings on inclusion and ambition](#)
- 06-07/07 | Online | [European Green Deal Cluster Event](#)
- 06-07/07 | Online | [Global Dialogue on the role of food and agriculture in the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](#)
- 06-08/07 | Online | [3rd Summer School on Sustainable Finance](#)
- 07/07 | Webinar | [Dissecting the rapidly evolving space of ESG Regulation](#)
- 07/07 | Webinar | [Meaning business at COP26: Unleashing a decade of action](#)
- 07/07 | Webinar | [A green recovery for inclusion: debt relief and special drawing rights for climate action](#)
- 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](#)
- 08/07 | Webinar | [The future of work in the EU - Challenges in a fast-changing world](#)

- 08-09/07 | Online | Global Solar Council, virtual forum 2021, Powering a bright future with Solar PV
- 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
- 16/07 | Webinar | Unpacking the Fit for 55 Package: perspectives and next steps
- 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 | Online | 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
- 16/09 | Online | First experiences with Scip and next steps towards a safer circular economy
- 28/09 | Webinar | Refueling aviation: The role and types of sustainable aviation fuels
- 28-30/09 | 29th EEAC Annual conference
- 29/09 | Hybrid | Green heat recovery: Reinforcing Europe's industrial and energy transition leadership
- 11-14/10 | Online | 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?
- 01/11 | One Planet Summit
- 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

- 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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