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

- The Commission is considering the introduction of a minimum tax on polluting aviation fuels. ([Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#))
- The EU should set strict targets for [synthetic aviation fuel](#). Transport & Environment and Lufthansa, among others, are asking for this.
- Many expect much from 'negative emissions'. But what if expectations are not met? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The new Eurobarometer shows that Europeans consider [climate change the most important problem](#).
- The whole world must prepare for extreme heat in the next few years, faster than previously expected. ([The Guardian](#))
- What can we expect about the 'Fit for 55%' package of proposals that the Commission will decide on 14 July? ([Euractiv](#), [E3G](#))
- The views of some NGOs on the Effort Sharing Regulation. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The proposal for a carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) will be part of the package of proposals ('fit for 55%') to be decided by the Commission on 14 July. ([Reuters](#), [Politico](#), [WEF](#))
- The [aluminium sector](#) on the Commission's proposal for a CBAM.
- The envisaged extension of the ETS system is criticised. ([Reuters](#))
- What do European stakeholders think about ambitious energy targets in the Green Deal? An [article](#).

- [Aurélie Beauvais](#) thinks there should be a target of 45% renewables by 2030.
- The [heat pump industry's](#) view on the challenges of energy transition. ([Euractiv](#))
- A new study identifies thousands of renewable energy projects worldwide. ([EY](#), [European Climate Foundation](#))
- Wind and solar energy capacity grew strongly in 2020. ([The Guardian](#))
- A new [report by the IEA](#) on the expected development of the gas market in the next few years. ([Euractiv](#))
- Little progress has been made in the negotiations on the revision of the Energy Charter Treaty. ([Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- Adeline Rochet and Pedro Guertler on the importance of the 'renovation wave'. ([Euractiv](#))
- Member States may have to renovate their buildings more quickly, as a result of the Energy Efficiency Directive. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on sustainable living.
- A [report](#) on the importance of an ambitious target for reusable packaging.
- An [article](#) on scaling up circular business models in the textile sector.
- New rules to reduce plastic waste do not go far enough, according to the environmental movement, while the industry is concerned about possibly different standards in member states. ([Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#))
- Some organisations call for a framework for a fair transition for those working in the car industry. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The Netherlands is doing well in terms of charging infrastructure for electric cars. But the Commission wants to phase out that successful model, fears [William Todts](#).
- The EU targets for agrofuels have led to deforestation the size of the Netherlands. So says [a report](#) by Transport & Environment. ([Euractiv](#))
- The industry is calling for more attention to second-generation agrofuels. ([Euractiv](#))
- [WEF](#) about road pricing.
- Is the green economy an [opportunity for MaaS](#)?
- [ERT](#) on open strategic autonomy and trade policy.
- The European Court of Auditors made a study on the application of the ['polluter pays' principle](#). ([Reuters](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- EEB on the new environmental standards for the [chemical industry](#).
- The European Parliament voted on the [8th Environmental Action Programme](#) (8EAP) on 7 and 8 July. With this, the Parliament has determined its [negotiating position](#). ([WWF](#), [WWF](#))
- What impact will the energy transition have on jobs? ([IEA](#))
- An [article](#) on territorial plans for a just transition in Sweden.
- Bruegel made [an analysis](#) of the national plans for recovery and resilience.
- To what extent will the national plans for recovery and resilience lead to transformative change? ([Social Europe](#))
- The Commission presented the new [sustainable finance strategy](#) on 6 July. ([Commissie](#), [Euractiv](#), [EuroNews](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [EFAMA](#), [BEUC](#), [CBSD](#), [SMEuinited](#), [Reuters](#), [Club of Rome](#), [WWF](#), [Accountancy Europe](#), [Finance Watch](#), [Better Finance](#), [EACB](#), [AFME](#), [BrusselsMorning](#), [EIOPA](#))
- Bonds issued by the Commission to finance the recovery package do not have to comply with the new green bond standard. ([Politico](#))
- ECB wants to integrate climate focus even more strongly into its own operations. ([Euractiv](#))
- What are the risks of climate change for public debt in Europe? ([Bruegel](#))
- An article on the climate consistency of financial flows in the context of the Paris climate agreement negotiations. ([Nature](#))
- The current global carbon pricing system needs to be transformed within a few years to meet a 1.5°C target. So says the [Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance](#).

- A new guide for the financial sector on the biodiversity convention.
- What are the obligations of states with regard to biodiversity and human rights? (UNEP)
- With the new forest strategy to be published next week, the EU wants to ensure more carbon sinks in response to the climate challenge. (Reuters, CAN Europe)
- Arc2020 on the European Court of Auditors' audit of the Common Agricultural Policy and climate.
- EEB on climate neutral agriculture.
- Slow Food on the importance of agroecology for achieving biodiversity objectives.
- The Commission launched a special European Code of Conduct for sustainable food, as part of the 'farm to fork' strategy. (Food Navigator, EuroNews)
- Arc2020 on the Commission's new vision for rural areas.

Activities

- 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
- 14/07 | Webinar | Creating Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Recovery and Growth
- 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
- 01/10 | Webinar | Biodiversity – harmonization through voluntary standards
- 11-14/10 | Online | The European SDG Summit 2021
- 26/10 | Climate Finance Day
- 26/10 | Online | Climate and Energy Summit
- 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

- 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, - Amendment of the Energy Efficiency Directive to implement the ambition of the new 2030 climate target, - 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, - Climate Action Social Facility | New EU forest strategy
- 20/07 | Own resources package

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