



## 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 proposed the 'Fit for 55' package on 14 July. Preliminary considerations: [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Connie Hedegaard en Pascal Lamy](#), [Euractiv](#), [ETUI](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [CEPS](#), [Mayors Alliance](#), [Right to Energy Coalition](#), [Tim Gore](#), [EuroNews](#), [CEO Alliance](#), [WWF](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [WEF](#), [Digital Europe](#), [Reuters](#), [Jonathan Holslag](#), [EEB](#), [EPSU](#), [Eurofer](#), [Institut Delors](#), [Nicolas Berghmans](#). The package: [Commission press release](#). Reactions afterwards: [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Housing Europe](#), [CAN Europe](#), [E3G](#), [ETUC](#), [Oxfam](#), [EEB](#), [Bruegel](#), [ACEA](#), [Reuters](#), [A4E](#), [CER](#), [FoEE](#), [Fuels Europe](#), [DW](#), [Business Europe](#), [Europex](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [SMEunited](#), [IRU](#), [IEEP](#), [CEPI](#), [Corporate Leaders Group](#), [EUASE](#), [Right to Energy Coalition](#), [Euractiv](#), [Solar Heat Europe](#), [BEUC](#), [IndustriAll](#), [Renews.Biz](#), [WWF](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Peg Putt](#), [Euractiv](#), [CEFIC](#), [EUI](#), [META](#), [EASE](#), [Atlantic Council](#), [ESWET](#), [PV magazine](#), [Fleet Europe](#), [EU Reporter](#), [EPAH](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [ESPO](#), [Via Campesina](#), [Climate Home News](#), [ICLEI](#), [Solar Power Europe](#), [ETF](#), [Railway Pro](#), [New Mobility News](#), [Sofie Defour](#).
- A [report](#) by InfluenceMap on how industry lobbyists have tried to influence European climate policy.
- Does the expansion of offshore wind power conflict with fishing? ([Euractiv](#))
- A new report by Deloitte on the EU's hydrogen strategy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Too many member states still subsidise gas boilers. ([META](#))

- [Eurima](#) on decarbonising buildings.
- EESC vision on a European approach to [critical materials](#).
- How should we deal with the possible opening of new lithium mines in Europe? ([Eco-Business](#))
- The EU and Ukraine have concluded a [strategic partnership](#) on critical materials.
- An [article](#) with an analysis on EU policies for a circular economy.
- An [article](#) on circular bioeconomies in Europe.
- An [article](#) on the concept of the bioeconomy.
- Finland is a pioneer in [circular textiles](#).
- An [article](#) about circular building.
- An [article](#) on electric mobility for urban sustainability in the context of a circular economy.
- What do the new EU plans for electric mobility mean? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- [Julia Poliscanova](#) on the electric mobility proposals.
- An analysis by the Federal Planning Bureau on [self-driving cars](#).
- How can sustainable mobility contribute to a green recovery policy? ([WRI](#))
- An [article](#) on smart city applications aimed at improving the mobility of the elderly in cities.
- Rising oil prices may accelerate the shift to electric cars. ([The Guardian](#))
- How can we motivate citizens to adopt sustainable behaviour in the areas of food and mobility? A study for the European Parliament explores this question and looks at the possibilities of using technology. ([Study - Annex](#))
- MEPs call for complete removal of asbestos from our society. ([Euractiv](#))
- There is a political agreement on how the EU should apply the Aarhus Convention. ([Euractiv](#), [ClientEarth](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Discussions continue on the industrial strategy to be followed. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Ecofin](#) approved a first set of national recovery plans. So the money can go to those Member States in the short term. ([Euractiv](#))
- Much of the money spent on global recovery policies is causing additional damage to the environment. ([The Guardian](#))
- An [overview](#) of the EU's sustainable finance policies.
- The [Platform on Sustainable Finance](#) published a report on a social taxonomy and a report on a comprehensive taxonomy to support economic transition.
- The EU postponed the second phase of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) by six months. ([ESG Clarity](#))
- [Luca Bonaccorsi](#) on the EU strategy for sustainable finance.
- Eight of the world's largest insurers and reinsurers have formed the Net-Zero Insurance Alliance (NZIA). ([UNEP](#))
- Global green bond sales are expected to recover. ([S&P Global](#))
- What can the financial sector do to accelerate the transition to climate-neutral building? ([WEF](#))
- [Adam Tooze](#) on the ECB's new strategy.
- G20 finance ministers recognise importance of carbon tax. ([Reuters](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- The [first draft of the text](#) of the biodiversity conference in Kunming has been published. ([The Guardian](#), [WWF](#), [Reuters](#), [Common Dreams](#), [UNEP](#), [UN News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [IISD](#), [UNEP-WCMW](#))
- Elizabeth Maruma Mrema (CBD) on the role of business and finance in tackling the [biodiversity crisis](#).
- [Via Campesina](#) on the Common Agricultural Policy.
- Can the EU continue to support the promotion of meat? ([Euractiv](#))
- An article on greening trade policy. ([IDDRI](#))

- The least developed countries are asking rich countries to do more to reduce their emissions. ([The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Olivia Lazard on the importance of [ecological diplomacy](#) for the EU.

**The briefing goes on holiday for a while. We will be back on 3 September.**

## Activities

- 19-20/07 | Online | [International Conference on Ecology, Biodiversity and Environment](#)
- 20/07 | Webinar | [Public Private Partnerships for Green City Solutions](#)
- 20/07 | Webinar | [Behavioural Insights for Inclusive Energy Policy](#)
- 21/07 | Online | [Nature, climate and health leadership for a healthy and green recovery: Catalyzing an intergenerational response](#)
- 22/07 | Webinar | [Circular economics as a response to the climate crisis](#)
- 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](#)
- 10/09 | Online | [Reshaping the EU Fiscal Framework for a Sustainable Recovery and a Just Transition](#)
- 16/09 | Online | [First experiences with Scip and next steps towards a safer circular economy](#)
- 16/09 | Hybrid | [Unlocking capital for sustainability 2021: Scaling sustainable finance for a green recovery](#)
- 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](#)
- 01/10 | Online | [Sustainable Finance in Europe: Corporate Governance, Financial Stability and Financial Markets - Book Launch](#) (Seminar)
- 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**

- 20/07 | Own resources package

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