



## 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 will happen at COP26? ([Climate Home News](#))
- [Giles Merritt](#) on COP26.
- A group of NGOs called for COP26 to be postponed again. ([Reuters](#), [The Guardian](#), [Politico](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- More than 200 health magazines call for more climate action. ([The Guardian](#), [The Lancet](#), [EPHA](#))
- CarbonBrief on the importance of [artificial intelligence](#) for climate science.
- ClientEarth made an analysis of [climate laws](#) in different countries.
- [CarbonBrief](#) on a summer of extreme weather.
- Europe had its hottest summer ever. ([Reuters](#))
- The Commission published the [2021 Strategic Foresight Report](#). Climate and other environmental challenges are high on the list of risks. ([Euractiv](#), [ETUC](#))
- The court is becoming increasingly important in the actions against the climate crisis. ([Euractiv](#), [Nature](#), [Bloomberg](#))
- A [study by LSE](#) on the economic impact of 'tipping points' in the climate system.
- What is the state of implementation of the six priorities of the von der Leyen Commission? A [briefing](#).
- [Anatoli Smirnov](#) regrets that the proposal for a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism does not take into account methane emissions. This should be rectified in future regulations.
- An [article](#) on carbon price volatility, as a result of Covid 19.

- Some shipping organisations propose a global levy on carbon emissions from ships. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the aviation and maritime sectors and the ETS system.
- The Commission launched a public consultation on [green hydrogen](#).
- [Oliver Rapf](#) and [Tom Deleu and Gunde Odgaard](#) on the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).
- The Global Wind Energy Council ([GWEC](#)) expects strong growth in offshore wind energy. ([The Guardian](#))
- An [article](#) on offshore wind energy and circular economy.
- WEF on [climate neutral building](#).
- A [white paper](#) by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation on a new UN convention to tackle plastic pollution and support the transition to a circular economy for plastics.
- European plastics producers call for mandatory EU target of [30% recycled content](#) for plastic packaging by 2030.
- A [briefing by WBCSD](#) on the transition to a circular economy.
- A new study on [financing an inclusive circular economy](#). ([Green Fiscal Policy Network](#))
- An [article](#) on integrating the focus on repair into product design training.
- [SITRA](#) on the importance of data in a circular economy.
- [Anthony Bebbington](#) on the equity challenges of the energy transition.
- A new [report](#) by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation on circular economy and biodiversity.
- The Ellen MacArthur Foundation produced a [glossary](#) of frequently used terms in the circular economy.
- A new [report](#) on sustainable use of materials and circular economy in rail transport.
- A [briefing](#) by ICCT on the proposals for alternative transport fuels in 'Fit for 55'.
- A [briefing](#) from ICCT on the review of the Renewable Energy Directive and EU proposals for ReFuel.
- A [briefing](#) from ICCT on the extension of the regulation on CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for heavy duty vehicles to other vehicle segments.
- Many EU countries have very few [charging points](#) for electric vehicles.
- Transport & Environment explains why e-fuel credits should not be included in the EU's CO<sub>2</sub> standards for new cars. ([EnergyPost](#))
- The SUV remains the strongest growing segment in the car market. [Transport & Environment](#) is concerned.
- [FleetEurope](#) on micromobility.
- An [article](#) on protecting public values on urban mobility platforms.
- An [article](#) about the post-corona perspective for smart cities.
- Intel wants to invest heavily in the next few years to boost chip capacity in Europe. ([Euractiv](#))
- A new Commission study shows the positive economic effects of open source software. ([OpenForum Europe](#), [Euractiv](#))
- An EEA briefing on [sustainable innovation policy](#).
- An [article](#) about the opportunities of the Green Deal for the chemical industry.
- META on the [Aarhus Convention](#).
- An [article](#) with an analysis of the national recovery plans. Are the proposed energy and climate measures sufficient?
- A [study](#) by PBL on the importance of Natural Capital Accounting for a green recovery policy.
- [Water Europe](#) recommendations for national plans for recovery and resilience.
- A [briefing](#) on green finance regulation. What models exist and what is needed to achieve international harmonisation?
- According to a [new report](#) by ShareAction, the 25 largest EU banks are not doing enough for climate and biodiversity. ([The Guardian](#))

- The EU will start issuing [green bonds](#) from early October to finance the 'Next Generation EU' recovery fund. The financing of nuclear power and gas projects is excluded. ([Euractiv](#), [EuroNews](#), [Reuters](#))
- [EFAMA](#) and [Eurosif](#) on the taxonomy. ([IPE](#))
- A [new report](#) by IEEP argues for a greater role for science in sustainable investment decisions.
- [Bruegel](#) on a green fiscal pact.
- According to a [new report](#) by Carbon Tracker, most oil reserves should stay underground to get the world on track for the Paris climate agreement. Investors should take note. ([The Guardian](#))
- A proposal for a new financial instrument that could help decommission coal, oil and gas. ([EnergyPost](#))
- If the EU wants to prevent imported deforestation, banks also have an important role to play. ([Christoph Thies and Irene Wabiwa](#))
- WWF published a report on the social cost of plastic pollution. ([Euractiv](#))
- The [IUCN World Conservation Congress](#) took place in Marseille. ([Report](#)) ([Euractiv](#), [IPS](#), [Politico](#), [WEF](#), [EuroNews](#), [Wetlands International](#), [WWF](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- IUCN publishes new '[red list](#)' of animals at risk of extinction.
- The EU is going to set up a new [scientific service](#) that will provide policy-makers with good information on biodiversity.
- IFAD calls for more [investment in biodiversity](#) to ensure sustainable food supply
- In the European Parliament, the Farm to Fork strategy was voted on in two committees. ([WWF](#), [CEMA](#), [Euractiv](#), [EP](#))
- A [briefing](#) by ClientEarth on the Common Agricultural Policy.
- A new [report](#) by CEPS on the challenges in agriculture and food.
- Stuart Meikle on restoring the natural carbon cycle and the [role of soil](#) in that process.
- FoEE points in a [new report](#) to the major impact of the meat sector on climate and biodiversity. ([The Guardian](#))
- How can retailers contribute to a sustainable food transition? A [report](#).
- The extreme weather conditions create difficult and dangerous working conditions for agricultural workers. More attention is needed for a just transition. ([IPS](#))
- [Unilever](#) supports campaign to ban animal testing for cosmetics.
- Governments gave more overseas support to fossil fuel projects in 2019 and 2020 than to programmes to reduce air pollution. ([The Guardian](#))

## Activities

- 13/09 | Webinar | [The EU's Strategy for Environmental Recovery](#)
- 13-15/09 | Online | [The World Circular Economy Forum 2021](#)
- 13-14/09 | Online | [Climate change mitigation and adaptation](#)
- 14/09 | Online | [Het 'fit for 55' energie- en klimaatpakket](#)
- 14/09 | Online | [The new EU Forest Strategy](#)
- 15/09 | Online | [Advancing a just transition to a circular economy: Scaling up individual action to collectively driving systemic change](#)
- 15/09 | Online | [Biodiversity as a circular business opportunity](#)
- 15/09 | Online | [Corporate Governance in Sustainable Finance](#)
- 15/09 | Online | [The EU's Industrial strategy – which indicators to track its progress?](#)
- 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](#)
- 16/09 | Online | [Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism](#)
- 20/09 | Online | [Towards net-zero: Sound policies need better science](#)
- 20/09 | Online | [Revision of the Renewable Energy Directive \(REDII\): How to improve tendering, planning and tracking rules?](#)
- 20-23/09 | Online | [Sustainable Development Impact Summit](#)
- 21/09 | Online | [Fit for 55 on all fronts? Can Europe lead innovation in green maritime?](#)
- 22/09 | Online | [World Energy Storage Day 2021](#)
- 22/09 | Online | [Shining a light on the Social Dimension of Sustainable Finance](#)
- 22-23/09 | Webinar | [Closing the loop: Circular Economy Business Models in the Electronics and Agri-food sectors](#)
- 23/09 | Online | [Gender equality and diversity in the energy transition](#)
- 24/09 | Webinar | [Is the EU ready for new methane legislation?](#)
- 27/09 | Online | [EU-US relations – What does a re-set mean in practice?](#)
- 28/09 | Webinar | [Refueling aviation: The role and types of sustainable aviation fuels](#)
- 28/09 | Online | [Executive Briefing on the Upcoming United Nations Biodiversity Conference](#)
- 28-30/09 | [29th EEAC Annual conference](#)
- 29/09 | Online | [Is green hydrogen really carbon-neutral?](#)
- 29/09 | Hybrid | [Green heat recovery: Reinforcing Europe's industrial and energy transition leadership](#)
- 29/09 | Online | [Recommendation on Energy Efficiency First: from principles to practice](#)
- 30/09 | Online | [Carbon capture and storage in hard-to-abate sectors](#)
- 01/10 | Webinar | [Biodiversity – harmonization through voluntary standards](#)
- 01/10 | Online | [Sustainable Finance in Europe: Corporate Governance, Financial Stability and Financial Markets - Book Launch \(Seminar\)](#)
- 01/10 | Online | [Responsible sourcing: The case of batteries](#)
- 07/10 | Online | [Energy System Integration - Can stakeholders agree on the best path forward?](#)
- 11/10 | Online | [Carbon capture, utilisation and storage forum](#)
- 11/10 | Online | [Transitioning to new energy systems: What impact will it have on society and on our lives?](#)
- 11-14/10 | Online | [The European SDG Summit 2021](#)
- 12/10 | Online | [Local infrastructure investment in Europe – clearing the path to the green and digital transitions](#)
- 12/10 | [Academic Community on Circular Economy Conference](#)
- 12/10 | Online | [Digital Inclusiveness: How to ensure no European is left behind](#)
- 12/10 | Online | [Raising the green game in finance: how can Europe deliver?](#)
- 12/10 | Online | [Offshore Wind as a cornerstone of the European Green Deal](#)
- 13/10 | Online | [Carbon-neutral, sustainable, inclusive! Unlocking cities' full potential through Local Green Deals](#)
- 14/10 | [Delivering the EU Green Deal through Circular Procurement](#)
- 14-15/10 | Online | [Farm to Fork Conference](#)
- 14-16/10 | Hybrid | [Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference](#)
- 18/10 | Online | [COP26 – Can it be a game-changer?](#)
- 26/10 | Hybrid | [Climate Finance Day](#)
- 26/10 | Online | [Climate and Energy Summit](#)
- 26/10 | Online | [Concrete measures for the food industry to go carbon-neutral](#)
- 26/10 | Online | [15 years on from the Stern Review: economics of climate change, innovation, growth](#)

- 27/10 | Online | [Closed loop recycling in Europe: What helps and what hinders?](#)
- 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](#)
- 09/11 | Online | [Working towards a stronger Circular Economy – How much regulation is needed?](#)
- 09-10/11 | Online | [Climate-neutral steelmaking in Europe – technology, financing and policy conditions](#)
- 09-10/11 | [Fleet Europe Summit](#)
- 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

- 14/09 | New European Bauhaus Communication | Policy programme on Europe's Digital Decade
- 22/09 | Towards the future generalised scheme of preferences legal framework granting trade advantages to developing countries
- 05/10 | Review of the capital requirements legislation | Review of the Solvency II (prudential rules for insurances) | Joint Communication on the Arctic
- 13/10 | Connectivity communication
- 19/10 | 2022 Commission work programme
- 27/10 | Supervisory Data Strategy (Proposal for a Directive/Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council for a European single access point for financial and non-financial information publicly disclosed by companies (ESAP), European Long-Term Investment Fund (ELTIF) framework review, - Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD) review | Review of competition policy | Instrument to deter and counteract coercive actions by third countries | Sustainable corporate governance
- 10/11 | Communication on decent work for all
- 23/11 | Reinforcing democracy and citizens' democratic participation in Europe
- 01/12 | Data Act
- 08/12 | Improving the working conditions in platform work | Action plan for the social economy

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