



## 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 15 September, the '[State of The Union debate](#)' took place in the European Parliament. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EPC](#), [Climate Home News](#), [IEEP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Housing Europe](#), [EPHA](#), [Euronews](#), [Climate-KIC](#), [Coop News](#))
- In the European Parliament, 'Fit for 55' was debated, including the issue of high energy prices. ([Euractiv](#), [EuroNews](#), [Timmermans](#))
- UN Climate Change published [a synthesis](#) of the climate action plans as communicated in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) of the countries. Countries urgently need to redouble their climate efforts to meet the goals of the Paris climate agreement. ([Greenpeace](#))
- Covid-19 has not slowed climate change. That is according to a [new UN report](#).
- The EU can make sure COP26 is a success. ([Jennifer Tollmann](#))
- According to [Climate Action Tracker](#), only one country has enough climate action to meet the Paris climate agreement's 1.5°C target. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- The US and EU together want to reduce methane emissions by a third. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- [Lisa Tosdado](#) on tackling methane emissions.
- Tim Gore on the proposed [Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism](#) (CBAM).
- European cities need to be even better prepared for the impacts of climate change. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Wijnand Stoefs](#) on carbon removal technologies.

- The EU is working on a certification scheme for carbon dioxide removal. ([Euractiv](#))
- Bruegel on the carbon price. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [report](#) by Institut Montaigne on the European energy transition.
- How should the costs of an EU-wide hydrogen network be distributed? ([EnergyPost](#))
- Since the Paris climate conference, many planned coal-fired power plants have been scrapped. ([The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [E3G](#))
- EU proposes ban on export credits for coal-fired power projects. ([EU Reporter](#))
- [Bruegel](#) on rising gas prices.
- An [article](#) on tools that homeowners can use to get a first overview of suitable retrofit measures.
- Whether we become climate neutral will depend on how we decarbonise our building stock. ([Seán Kelly](#))
- An [article](#) on the influence of income on energy consumption and emissions in city buildings.
- The European Central Bank can really get the 'renovation wave' going, say [some organisations](#).
- There is a need for more investment in the circular economy, in response to Covid-19. ([Manisha Anantharaman and Patrick Schröder](#))
- How can we decarbonise the mining and cement industries? ([WEF](#))
- The European Commission is behind schedule in the development and implementation of eco-design and energy labelling measures. ([META](#))
- An [article](#) on future adaptive design.
- An [article](#) about the transition to a circular economy in the fashion sector.
- The vision of [Euratex](#) and [Water Europe](#) for the EU strategy for textiles and clothing.
- A World Bank [report](#) on circular water policy.
- [Baptiste Carriere-Pradal](#) on fast fashion.
- The European Parliament calls for better social protection for platform workers. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on reverse logistics.
- France wants to double the transport of goods by train. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Eurochambres](#) on industrial strategy.
- The Club of Rome calls on the EU to opt for a [wellbeing economy](#) rather than growth at any price.
- An [article](#) on the impact of environmental degradation, climate change and the Green Deal instruments on life satisfaction.
- A [briefing](#) on the European Recovery Plan.
- EU governments will spend around €150 billion from the recovery fund on social policies. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [EESC hearing](#) on the national plans for recovery and resilience stressed the importance of participation by civil society.
- [IndustriAll Europe](#) asks for more attention to social dialogue in the implementation of 'Fit for 55'.
- The European Commission is considering sanctions to tackle environmental damage and human rights violations in European supply chains. ([Euractiv](#))
- Tim Gore on the review of the [Energy Tax Directive](#).
- Can the EU really become the biggest in green bonds? ([EuroNews](#))
- [Insurance Europe](#) and [FEBEA](#) on social taxonomy.
- Experts on financing the sustainable transition. ([WEF](#))
- An [article](#) on framing sustainable finance in charitable foundations.
- The [IUCN World Conservation Congress](#) ended in Marseille on 10 September. ([Report](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Network Nature](#), [World Bank](#), [Climate Home News](#), [ESG Clarity](#), [IISD](#))

- A proposal for the EU law against imported deforestation has been leaked. ([The Guardian](#), [Wetlands International](#))
- The European Parliament calls for an [action plan](#) to reduce the use of laboratory animals.
- Two committees of the European Parliament spoke on the agreement on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and on the Farm to Fork strategy. The plenary debate on the CAP is scheduled for November. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Brussels Times](#), [EU Political Report](#), [EU Reporter](#), [IEEP](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Poultry Site](#))
- Global food production is responsible for a third of all greenhouse gases. Using animals for meat causes twice as much pollution as plant food production. ([The Guardian](#))
- A [new FAO report](#) shows that agricultural subsidies often prevent the transition to a more sustainable food system. ([The Guardian](#))
- SITRA on a [circular food and farming sector](#).
- What is the link between gender equality and sustainable agriculture? ([IEEP](#))
- A report by SEI providing a quantitative assessment of [transboundary climate risks for trade](#) in maize, rice, wheat, soy, sugar cane and coffee.
- A new [report](#) by Global Witness shows that the number of deadly attacks on environmental and land activists continues to rise. ([Politico](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Rich countries are not keeping their promises of international climate finance. ([Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#))

## Activities

- 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?](#)
- 20/09 | Online | [Building the green consensus](#)
- 20-23/09 | Online | [Sustainable Development Impact Summit](#)
- 21/09 | Online | [Fit for 55 on all fronts? Can Europe lead innovation in green maritime?](#)
- 21/09 | Online | [Citizen Participation & the European Green Deal](#)
- 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](#)
- 23/09 | Webinar | [EUROCONTROL Stakeholder Forum on sustainable aviation fuels](#)
- 23-24/09 | Online | [The Future of Food and Farming Summit](#)
- 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?](#)
- 27/09 | Webinar | [Youth facing the climate and health emergencies: Integrated Action for Climate, Health and Intergenerational Equity](#)
- 27/09 | Online | [A 'climate-resilient' Europe by 2050: what implications for politics and policy?](#)
- 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](#)
- 28/09 | Online | [Recommendation on Energy Efficiency First: from principles to practice](#)
- 28/09 | Online | [A WTO reform agenda in support of decent work and just development](#)
- 28-30/09 | [29th EEAC Annual conference](#)
- 28-30/09 | Online | [State of the Union Conference 2021](#)
- 28/09-01/10 | Hybrid | [Sustainable places](#)

- 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 | Hybrid | ['Towards sustainable business: Assessing and tackling ethical gaps in the new EU sustainability instruments'](#)
- 29/09 | Online | [Financing the EU Green Deal - Policy Breakfast Series #4](#)
- 29/09 | Online | [Power Barometer: How can the EU power sector get Fit for 55?](#)
- 30/09 | Online | [Carbon capture and storage in hard-to-abate sectors](#)
- 30/09 | Online | [Workshop on EU Green Taxonomy in the energy and building 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](#)
- 03-04/10 | Hybrid | [EU Green Deal: Research and Innovation as a driver towards climate neutrality](#)
- 04/10 | Online | [Role of the European Climate Law in governing the EU's Climate and Energy Transition](#)
- 05/10 | Webinar | [EU Taxonomy: Learnings so far](#)
- 06/10 | Online | [The role of social science and governance research in the EU's climate transition](#)
- 06/10 | Online | [Re-use and Recycling of Insulation Materials in Buildings](#)
- 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](#)
- 11-15/10 | [ITS World Congress](#)
- 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](#)
- 12/10 | Online | [Together for aviation recovery - Green Deal innovation in EU regions, cities and airports](#)
- 12/10 | Online | [Grids Series: Pandemic + Green Recovery = Chance or missed opportunity?](#)
- 12/10 | Online | [The Green City Accord: Clean and resilient cities for a just, green recovery](#)
- 12/10 | Online | [Farm to Fork: What the analysis and data tells us](#)
- 13/10 | Online | [Carbon-neutral, sustainable, inclusive! Unlocking cities' full potential through Local Green Deals](#)
- 13/10 | Online | [Localising the SDGs – A Roadmap for Recovery](#)
- 14/10 | [Delivering the EU Green Deal through Circular Procurement](#)
- 14/10 | Online | [AI regulation and the future of work - What are the opportunities and concerns?](#)
- 14/10 | Online | [Beyond technology: The Clean Energy Transition for climate-neutral, smart, and beautiful cities](#)
- 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?](#)

- 21-22/10 | [Annual Conference on European Company Law and Corporate Governance 2021](#)
- 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

- 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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