



## 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 EU and the US want a sharp reduction in methane emissions and are calling on other countries to follow this initiative. ([Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- What can 'fit for 55' mean for the success of COP26? ([CAN Europe](#))
- WRI [analysed](#) the long-term climate strategies submitted by countries.
- Which major economic sectors commit to an ambitious climate goal? ? ([UN Climate Change](#))
- Is 'Big Tech' doing enough for climate policy? A [report](#) by InfluenceMap. ([The Guardian](#))
- What does China's promise not to build any more coal plants outside its borders mean? ([ClientEarth](#), [The Guardian](#), [E3G](#))
- Defining the EU's negotiating position for COP26 is proving difficult. ([Euractiv](#))
- Boris Johnson on COP26. ([The Guardian](#))
- Energy ministers met on 22 September to discuss 'fit for 55'. ([Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Simson](#))
- IEEP and EEAC organised [a webinar](#) on the importance of scientific advice for climate policy.
- The Commission is closely monitoring the evolution of energy prices and working on proposals. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- [CAN Europe](#) and [Climate Home News](#) on energy prices.
- The EU and the UK should work together on offshore wind energy. ([Simon Skillings and Cora Hewartz](#))
- Targeted investments to tackle energy poverty could increase support for the Green Deal. ([EnergyPost](#))

- A [study by ETUC](#) shows that almost three million people in the EU cannot afford to heat their homes, even if they have work. ([EuroNews](#))
- A group of NGOs calls for fossil fuel boilers to be phased out. ([EPHA](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Cool Products](#))
- [EuroCities](#) calls for more investment in climate-neutral buildings.
- WEF made a [toolbox](#) for cities that want to become climate neutral.
- An [article](#) on the potential of building-integrated photovoltaic panels (BIPV) in cities.
- [CAN Europe](#) on the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Environmental organisations are concerned about the delay in EU eco-design policy. A [report](#). ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU wants to reduce waste, but the amount of packaging waste is still increasing. ([Euractiv](#))
- More glass should be collected to reach the 75% recycling target. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Ellen MacArthur Foundation on a [circular food policy](#).
- An [article](#) on the circular use of coffee grits in the production of mortar.
- [Zero Waste Europe](#) about harmful chemicals in food packaging.
- An [article](#) on 'digital twins' for the circular economy.
- Some business leaders on the circular transition. ([WEF](#))
- [BEUC](#) on the green transition.
- The European car industry is trying to derail EU plans to reduce pollution from road transport. So says [Transport & Environment](#).
- Transport ministers had a discussion on infrastructure for alternative fuels. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Alex Keynes](#) on the proposed CO<sub>2</sub> performance standards and infrastructure proposals for alternative fuels.
- [ICCT](#) on proposed CO<sub>2</sub> targets for new cars and vans.
- [Graeme Sweeney](#) on cross-border infrastructure for CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage.
- An [article](#) on the role of research and innovation in Europe in decarbonising waterborne transport.
- Some organisations call for a different [EU policy for urban mobility](#).
- The semiconductor industry has a huge carbon footprint. ([The Guardian](#))
- With "The Glasgow Declaration", the [tourism industry](#) wants to work towards more climate action.
- The WHO has set new limits for air pollution. ([WHO](#), [The Guardian](#), [EPHA](#), [EEB](#))
- A [new report](#) by the EEA shows that air pollution is too high in most member states.
- A new study on the pollution caused by wood-burning stoves in the home. ([META](#))
- An [article](#) on air pollution in the construction sector.
- The Commission launches a [public consultation](#) on air quality rules.
- A briefing on the [Just Transition Fund](#).
- A new Commission document on the [Just Transition Fund](#).
- A briefing on the [National Recovery and Resilience Plans](#).
- The Commission has set up a new coordination process to follow up on national recovery and resilience plans, rather than a full-blown European Semester. A [briefing](#) from Egmont Institute.
- An [article](#) on the 'foundational economy'.
- An [article](#) on risk-based due diligence, climate change, human rights and the just transition.
- The [European Court of Auditors](#) finds that the EU's sustainable finance policy still falls short. ([Reuters](#))
- Member States have agreed to give themselves more time to react to the proposals for a green investment taxonomy. ([Euractiv](#))
- The [Commission](#) approved a major overhaul of EU insurance rules. ([Finance Watch](#), [Euractiv](#))

- How can open financial data contribute to sustainable development? ([WEF](#))
- An [article](#) by BIS on sustainable finance with a focus on trends, valuations and risks.
- [IEEP](#) on taxonomy.
- Some NGOs call for fossil gas not to be included in the taxonomy of green finance. ([WWF](#))
- A new report by [Euroclear](#) and [Strategy&](#) on the role that financial market infrastructure can play in scaling up the global sustainable finance market.
- [UNEPFI](#) on the 'Principles for Responsible Banking'.
- A group of major financial institutions call for more action against biodiversity loss in the run-up to COP15. ([CERES](#), [Edie](#), [Finance for Biodiversity](#))
- A group of philanthropic organisations wants to invest a lot of money in biodiversity. ([Leaders Pledge 4 Nature](#), [Campaign for Nature](#), [WWF](#), [Vox](#)). This happened in the margins of the UN General Assembly. ([Commission](#))
- In [an article](#), some scientists advocate integrating the scientific and policy agendas on global climate change and biodiversity. ([Phys](#))
- A new [report](#) by CEPS on green transition, finance and biodiversity.
- A plea for 'biosphere stewardship'. ([Johan Rockström et al.](#))
- 23 September will be the annual day of organic farming. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The agriculture commissioner announced an extended impact assessment of the 'Farm to Fork' strategy. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [new EEA report](#) on European waters.
- It looks unlikely that the \$100bn climate finance target will be met by COP26. ([The Guardian](#), [Edie](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Climate change could increase the risk of modern slavery and human trafficking, [a new report](#) warns. ([The Guardian](#))
- A new [study by SEI](#) shows that the funding African countries received for adaptation policies was far below the amounts needed to tackle the effects of climate change.

## Activities

- 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?](#)
- 27/09 | Webinar | [Scaling & Optimising Nature-Based Solutions for Resilient Cities](#)
- 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](#)
- 28/09 | Online | [Standards in support of the industrial data value chain](#)
- 28/09 | Online | [The new EU ETS: how to ensure a just transition towards a more sustainable future?](#)
- 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](#)
- 30/09 | Online | [Beyond climate: biodiversity and nature](#)
- 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](#)
- 01/10 | Webinar | [Aligning the European recovery with the SDGs: the case of Flanders](#)
- 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](#)
- 05/10 | Online | [What is the link between biodiversity loss and financial instability?](#)
- 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](#)
- 13/10 | Online | [How can green cities lead the way to European 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](#)
- 14/10 | Online | [Clear road ahead for Europe’s industrial future?](#)

- 14/10 | Online | [The next generation Energy Performance Certificates: making buildings fit for the energy transition](#)
- 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](#)
- 30/11-01/12 | Hybrid | [Sustainable Future Summit](#)

### Commission documents

- 05/10 | 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 the capital requirements legislation (Basel III) | Review of competition policy | Sustainable corporate governance (tbc)
- 10/11 | Communication on decent work worldwide
- 23/11 | Reinforcing democracy package
- 01/12 | Data Act
- 08/12 | Improving the working conditions in platform work | Action plan for the social economy
- 14/12 | Energy and climate (Reducing methane emissions in the energy sector, Revision of the third energy package for gas, Revision of the energy performance of Buildings Directive, Commission communication - Restoring sustainable carbon cycles, Council Recommendation to address the social and labour aspects of the climate transition) | Sustainable products and consumption (Sustainable products policy initiative, including a revision of the Ecodesign Directive, Empowering the consumer for the green transition, Proposal for a Regulation on

substantiating environmental claims using the Product/Organisation Environmental Footprint methods (green claims) | Efficient and green mobility package (Revision of the Regulation on the trans-European transport network, Revision of the Directive on Intelligent Transport Systems, New EU urban mobility framework, Rail freight corridors initiative)

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