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- 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 do observers expect from COP26? What should be the outcome? ([The Guardian](#), [Greta Thunberg](#), [Politico](#), [UN News](#), [Euractiv](#))
- People born today will experience more extreme heat waves and other climate disasters during their lifetime than their grandparents. This is according to new research. ([The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- What does the German election result mean for European environmental policy and for COP26? ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Environment ministers [meet on 6 October](#) to discuss COP26 and 'fit for 55'. ([CAN Europe](#))
- The European Parliament's environment committee is asking member states to step up efforts to reduce emissions in sectors such as agriculture, buildings and transport. ([Euractiv](#))
- European Parliament Environment Committee calls for binding measures against methane emissions. ([Euractiv](#))
- New research on the importance of reducing methane emissions. ([The Guardian](#))
- The Climate Crisis Advisory Group published a report with recommendations for a better functioning carbon market. ([Press release](#), [Report](#))
- Wijnand Stoefs on carbon removal. ([Carbon removal](#), [CCU](#))
- Laurence Tubiana on the Green Deal as a [new social contract](#).
- [WWF](#), [IEA](#), [Tahmid Chowdhury](#), [Jonathan Gant](#), [Commissie](#), [CEPS](#), on high energy prices.
- According to the IEA, green energy transition policies are not responsible for high energy prices. ([Euractiv](#))

- Energy prices are on the agenda of the [21-22 October European Council](#). ([Euractiv](#))
- Méliissa Zill and Davide Sabbadin call for the EU to stop selling [gas boilers](#) by 2025.
- According to the Commission, LNG is a necessary transition fuel to decarbonise EU maritime activities. ([Euractiv](#))
- Is the high flammability of hydrogen an obstacle to the hydrogen strategy? ([Euractiv](#))
- The European Parliament's ITRE Committee voted on the Trans-European Networks for Energy (TEN-E) regulation on 27 September. ([Greenpeace](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Ice can be used as an energy store, like a battery, and then for cooling. ([EnergyPost](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive.
- By 2020, two-thirds of electricity in the EU will be carbon-free. Within ten years, this will rise to 85%. So says [Eurelectric](#).
- An [article](#) on energy poverty indicators.
- The definition of a circular economy is unclear and lacks substance, [according to a team](#) of researchers from Lund University and the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden. ([Phys](#))
- Why sustainable SMEs hold the key to the circular economy. A [report by Ecopreneur](#).
- An [article](#) on circular public procurement.
- Without investment in circular business we will not reach 'net zero'. ([Natalia Mrówczyńska and Marvin Nusseck](#))
- Covid-19 necessitates transition to circular plastic economy. ([Nature](#))
- Is deep-sea mining really necessary for the transition to electric vehicles? ([The Guardian](#))
- The European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA) published the action plan 'Rare Earth Magnets and Motors: A European Call for Action'. ([EIT RawMaterials](#))
- The transition to more electric vehicles means that many workers will have to be retrained. ([Euractiv](#))
- LNG trucks are no better for the climate than conventional diesel trucks. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Europe's five largest airports together pollute more CO₂ than the entire Swedish economy, with emissions almost entirely untaxed. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The Commission rejects claims that its proposed mandate to support sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) will lead to higher greenhouse gas emissions. ([Euractiv](#))
- Environmental regulations to reduce aviation's carbon footprint will increase the cost of flying by around 8% by 2050, says Commission. ([Euractiv](#))
- What does 'fit for 55' mean for ports? A [briefing](#) from Transport & Environment.
- An [article](#) on transport systems and mobility for smart cities.
- What are the trends in sustainable mobility in the third quarter of 2021. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions from large industrial sites in Europe cost society between €277 billion and €433 billion in 2017. So says the EEA in [a new report](#). ([Euractiv](#))
- Air pollution is likely to be responsible for 6 million premature births and 3 million underweight babies worldwide each year. ([The Guardian](#))
- [Internal market and industry ministers](#) met on 'fit for 55'.
- A report by IISD on a fossil-free recovery policy. ([Climate Home News](#))
- UN Secretary General's report calls for urgent investment in job-rich, sustainable and socially inclusive recovery. ([ILO](#))
- What can business leaders do to boost ESG potential? ([WEF](#))
- In the European Parliament, three attempts to block the taxonomy of sustainable investment were rejected. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Victor van Hoorn](#) on taxonomy.
- The taxonomy can strengthen SMEs in the green transition. ([Finn Wendland](#))
- [Insurance Europe](#) on the proposed Green Bond Standard.

- IDDRI on the preparations for [COP15 in Kunming](#).
- What should we think about the announcement by some philanthropists that they want to invest a lot of money in biodiversity? ([The Guardian](#), [WWF](#))
- Scientists warn that the exceptional [biodiversity of islands](#) is in danger.
- [EEA Signals 2021](#). European nature under pressure.
- IEEP on sustainable use of [biomass](#).
- The European Court of Auditors made [a critical report](#) on water use in agriculture. ([Euractiv](#), [WWF](#))
- Arc2020 on [agroforestry](#) and the common agricultural policy.
- The UN calls for more action against food loss and waste. ([UNEP](#))
- The Commission proposed a new [EU Generalised System of Preferences](#). (IEEP)
- The climate crisis threatens the human rights of those least responsible for it. ([Patrick Verkooijen and AK Abdul Momen](#))
- Globally, two billion people do informal work that exposes them to unsafe conditions such as extreme heat, air pollution and flooding. ([Climate Home News](#))

Activities

- 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 | [Conference 'Fit for 55'](#)
- 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?](#)
- 07/10 | Online | [Getting rid of greenwashing in the EU: how to restore consumer confidence in green claims](#)
- 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?](#)
- 11/10 | Online | [The role of municipal governments in the sustainability transition – research and experimentation](#)
- 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](#)
- 12/10 | [Nature-based Solutions: How to avoid land grabbing in the name of biodiversity?](#)
- 12-14/10 | Online | [Planetary governance for a sustainable recovery: Next generation multilateralism](#)
- 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?](#)
- 13/10 | Online | [Regaining trust in public transport: Towards green recovery in European cities](#)
- 13/10 | Online | [How future-proof is the European Green Deal really?](#)
- 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](#)
- 14/10 | Webinar | [Product Compliance Update 2021 – Review & Outlook](#)
- 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?](#)
- 19/10 | Online | [Increasing energy efficiency in SMEs for a clean energy transition: 7 projects provide guidelines and good practices](#)
- 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?](#)
- 27/10 | Online | [The Farm to Fork Strategy. Cleaning up the EU's agri food system within and beyond](#)
- 29/10 | [The European Green Deal: how to make the economy sustainable and what are the risks for workers?](#)
- 29/10 | Online | [Zero carbon beer – How can stakeholder co-operation achieve it?](#)
- 01/11 | [One Planet Summit](#)
- 03-05/11 | [Eurocities 2021 Leipzig: The power of cities – transforming society](#)
- 05/11 | [EU Energy Day at COP26: the EU leading the global energy transition](#)
- 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](#)
- 14/11 | Hybrid | [EU Energy Day - Hydrogen to drive the EU's green transition](#)
- 16-18/11 | [Tomorrow.Mobility Congress](#)

- 17-19/11 | Hybrid | [EEAC Annual Conference, Digital Transformation for a sustainable Anthropocene: Ethical, Green and Inclusive](#)
- 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 | Energy prices communication
- 13/10 | Joint Communication on the Arctic
- 19/10 | 2022 Commission work programme | The EU economy after Covid-19: implications for economic governance
- 27/10 | Review of the capital requirements legislation (Basel III) | Review of competition policy: - fit for new challenges | Sustainable corporate governance (tbc)
- 10/11 | Communication on decent work worldwide | Nature: restoration, deforestation and soil / - Protecting biodiversity: nature restoration targets / - Soil strategy / - Minimising the risk of deforestation and forest degradation associated with products placed on the EU market / - Improving environmental protection through criminal law
- 17/11 | Annual Sustainable Growth Report
- 23/11 | Reinforcing democracy and integrity of elections package | 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
- 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
- 22/12 | Investment protection and facilitation framework

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