



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

- Reflections on COP26. ([UN News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [SEI](#), [The Guardian](#), [Reuters](#))
- The FRDO-CFDD made [an opinion](#) on COP26.
- Which countries are historically most responsible for climate change? ([CarbonBrief](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Europe must become world leader in cleantech to better respond to climate crisis. ([Peter Sweatman and Thomas Pellerin-Carlin](#))
- Eurozone ministers discussed high energy prices on 4 October. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#))
- ECOFIN conclusions on [climate finance](#).
- On 6 October there was [a meeting](#) of environment ministers. Among other things, the COP26 was discussed. ([Euractiv](#), [WWF](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [Commissie](#), [Commissie](#), [META](#), [Euractiv](#))
- An [analysis by PBL](#) of the greenhouse gas emission scenarios for the major emitting countries.
- [Agnese Ruggiero and Andrew Marshall](#) on 'fit for 55'.
- The Commission is working on proposals on high energy prices. These will be presented to the European Council on 22-23 October. ([Euractiv](#))
- Reflections on high energy prices: [Mike Parr](#), [Simone Tagliapietra](#) en [Georg Zachmann](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [María Mendiluce](#), [Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [EnergyPost](#), [Politico](#), [Eurelectric](#).
- IISD on the [ETS system](#).
- The transition to net zero is good for European businesses. A [briefing from E3G](#).

- What are the key factors for cities to meet ambitious 2030 climate targets? An [article](#).
- [CarbonBrief analysed](#) which articles on climate appear in scientific journals. Who are the authors? Is there enough diversity?
- Many researchers from the South face obstacles in conducting and publishing high-quality climate research. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The number of court cases on climate change is becoming more diverse. It is no longer just about oil, gas and cement companies, but now also about the meat and dairy industries. ([LSE Blog](#))
- [Europex](#) on 'fit for 55'.
- Eni's new [World Energy Review](#).
- A [report by IRENA](#) on sectoral linkages to facilitate the integration of variable renewable energy in cities.
- What is needed to strengthen the role of energy communities? ([Energiewende](#))
- What does the Green Deal mean for EU-Russia relations? ([Marco Siddi](#))
- A [report by JRC](#) with an overview of economic and socio-economic studies on recycling issues.
- The [metals sector](#) responds to the revision of the Waste Shipment Regulation.
- Sufficiency and circularity policies can reduce demand for energy and materials in the construction sector while ensuring the well-being of all within the remaining carbon budget. [An EEB report](#).
- How cities and the circular economy play a crucial role in the transition to a carbon-free world. ([Stockholm Resilience Centre, SEI](#))
- A report by Amnesty International and Transport & Environment on the due diligence shortcomings of the proposed new legislation for batteries. ([Amnesty International, Transport & Environment](#))
- Proposed new EU legislation for batteries will raise global standards, says Commission. ([Euractiv](#))
- [ACEA](#) on the new legislation for batteries.
- A [new report](#) from Zero Waste Europe argues that CCS for incinerators are an expensive distraction to a circular economy. ([Bellona](#))
- A [new report](#) by FoEE and EEB states that the EU will reduce the extraction of natural resources by 65%.
- A [study by CEPS](#) on circular business models, focusing on the value chains of electrical and electronic equipment and agri-food products.
- An [article](#) on life cycle analysis to ensure sustainability of circular business models in manufacturing industries.
- An [article](#) on circular eco-innovation.
- One third of global emissions come from food. The circular economy can change this, says [Circle Economy](#).
- Tim Adams on [circular supply chains](#).
- An [article](#) comparing the life cycle environmental impacts of traditional, hybrid and electric vehicles in the European context.
- [Cefic](#) on Safe and Sustainable-by-Design (SSbD) chemicals.
- [BEUC](#) on the new reality for consumers in Post-Covid-19.
- META on [environment and health](#).
- Some parts of the Commission's new work programme have already been leaked. ([Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv](#))
- How can decent work become a reality for all? ([WEF](#))
- [New research](#) by the Green Economy Coalition shows that two-thirds of countries have no or minimal policies for green recovery.

- [Modern Diplomacy](#) on green transformation as an economic policy tool.
- A [briefing](#) on the significance of national plans for recovery and resilience and universities.
- A proposal by Bruegel for a [world recovery fund](#) to alleviate the debt burden of developing countries after Covid-19.
- A number of sustainable businesses call for stricter EU rules on sustainability reporting. ([ECG](#))
- An interview with [Piotr Biernacki](#) on the proposed rules for sustainability reporting.
- According to an IMF analysis, the fossil fuel industry receives \$11 million in subsidies every minute. ([The Guardian](#))
- [ClientEarth](#) on gas and taxonomy. ([Reuters](#))
- [Orgalim](#) on the taxonomy.
- Two OECD reports on [financial markets and the climate transition](#).
- Debt capital markets can do more to prevent climate disasters and natural loss, according to [a new WWF report](#).
- On 7 October, the [EU Sustainable Investment Summit](#) took place. ([EUReporter](#), [UN News](#))
- The rate of progress in building sustainable financial systems depends on the attitude of financial managers and financial institutions and on the model of the banking system. An [article](#).
- Better use of existing capital and tools of international financial institutions can also provide better responses to the pandemic and climate change, according to [a new ILO report](#).
- The European Court of Auditors made [a study](#) on financing for biodiversity and climate change in EU forests. ([WWF](#), [EUReporter](#))
- A study by SwissRe on [biodiversity and human health benefits](#).
- The Commission chose to delay publication of a study on the effects of the Farm to Fork strategy by six months. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Arc2020](#) on Farm to Fork.
- CarbonBrief on a [just transition in agriculture](#).
- A [recent JRC article](#) argues that the quality of manure is more important than the quantity when it comes to increasing soil biodiversity, and calls for a transformation of agricultural practices.
- How can we update the trading system to meet concerns for global resilience, sustainability and inclusiveness? ([WEF](#))
- The Commission will convene a ministerial meeting next year to promote trade as a way to achieve climate and environmental goals. ([Euractiv](#))
- CarbonBrief on [climate justice](#).

Activities

- 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](#)
- 11/10 | Online | [Charting the Path to a Healthy Planet](#)
- 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 | Online | [Transforming the EU's Blue Economy for a Sustainable Future - the role of regions](#)
- 12/10 | Online | [Methods to assess and compare Recovery and Resilience Plans](#)
- 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?](#)
- 13/10 | Online | [Battery-powered future: How can the EU ensure electric vehicles drive the green transport revolution?](#)
- 13/10 | Hybrid | [EUI Climate Workshop](#)
- 13/10 | Online | [Long-term vision for the EU's rural areas – rural perspectives for sustainable 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](#)
- 14/10 | Webinar | [Product Compliance Update 2021 – Review & Outlook](#)
- 14-15/10 | Online | [Farm to Fork Conference](#)
- 14-15/10 | [Re-Source 2021](#)
- 14-16/10 | Hybrid | [Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference](#)
- 18/10 | Online | [COP26 – Can it be a game-changer?](#)
- 18/10 | Webinar | [Sustainable Finance in emerging and developing economies](#)
- 19/10 | Online | [Increasing energy efficiency in SMEs for a clean energy transition: 7 projects provide guidelines and good practices](#)
- 20-21/10 | Hybrid | [CIVITAS Forum Conference 2021](#)
- 21/10 | Online | [2021 Production Gap Report launch event](#)
- 21-22/10 | [Annual Conference on European Company Law and Corporate Governance 2021](#)
- 21-22/10 | Online | [ESG Investment Europe 2021](#)
- 22/10 | Online | [Covid-19: SMPs Recovering Smarter, Stronger, Sustainable](#)
- 25/10 | Webinar | [Circulytics: Measuring Circular Economy Performance](#)
- 25-27/10 | Online | [Just Zero – a Virtual Conference on Financing the Just Transition](#)
- 25-29/10 | Online | [EU Sustainable Energy Week](#)
- 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](#)
- 26/10 | Webinar | [Enough is enough: the future is public - Reclaiming public services for a just recovery](#)
- 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](#)
- 03/11 | Online | [Beyond GDP measures for a successful recovery and a sustainable and resilient EU economy](#)
- 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](#)
- 05/11 | [A just transition for high-carbon industry sectors](#)
- 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](#)
- 23/11 | [BEOH Conference 2021: Joining Belgian forces for a One Health Green Deal](#)
- 24-26/11 | [2nd International Conference on Circularity in the Built Environment](#)
- 30/11-01/12 | Hybrid | [Sustainable Future Summit](#)

Commission documents

- 13/10 | Energy prices communication | 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 |
- 17/11 | [Nature: soil, deforestation, waste](#) /- Soil strategy / - Waste shipment /- Minimising the risk of deforestation and forest degradation associated with products placed on the EU market
- 23/11 | European Semester autumn 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 | [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 | [Nature](#) / - Protecting biodiversity: nature restoration targets / - Improving environmental protection through criminal law
- 22/12 | Initiative to fight the use of shell entities | Investment protection and facilitation framework

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