The European Green Deal
We want to reconcile our economy with our planet, and make it work for our people.

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

- News about COP26. The Observer, Euractiv, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, Politico, Commissie, Politico, Politico, ICRC, The Guardian, IISD, CAN Europe, Midori Paxton, Climate Home News, Climate Home News, E3G.
- WHO presented a special report on climate change and health. (WHO, UN News)
- Cement industry wants commitment to cut emissions sharply. (The Guardian)
- The Climate Transparency Report 2021 provides an overview of the climate policies of the G20 countries. (ODI)
- Béla Galgóczi on 'Fit for 55'.
- Institut Delors on a social climate fund for the EU.
- A new study states that for the EU, the Paris climate target is within reach, but only possible through significant emission reductions. (CAN Europe)
- E3G on CCUS.
- The Commission presented a proposal for a common approach to high energy prices. Before the publication: Euractiv, Euractiv, Politico. The proposal: Commission. Comments: Euractiv, Right to Energy Coalition.
- Reflections on high energy prices: Isa Ferrero, Euractiv, BPIE, Euractiv, SolarPower Europe, Josep Borrell.
- The IEA published the annual World Energy Outlook. (Euractiv, The Guardian, New Scientist, CarbonBrief, TIME, EnergyPost)

- The industrial sector concerned is calling for more attention to be paid to the importance of geothermal energy. (Euractiv)
- An article on climate mitigation scenarios and energy demand changes, related to Covid-19. (Nature)
- WindEurope on EU targets for sustainable hydrogen.
- Keith Whiriskey and Marta Lovisolo on sustainable hydrogen.
- Scientists warn of global warming caused by hydrogen leaks. (Euractiv)
- EU opts for gradually phasing out gas boilers. (Euractiv)
- An article on recent combustion strategies in gas turbines for propulsion and power generation with a view to an emission-free future.
- A Fraunhofer report on 'fit for 55' and energy efficiency.
- An article on global scenarios of energy demand and CO_2 emissions for residential heating and cooling.
- An article on a life cycle analysis of district heating systems in Europe.
- The Commission proposed an Arctic strategy. (Euractiv, The Guardian, Science | Business)
- A guide to the circular economy of digital devices. (APC)
- An article on data-driven smart sustainable cities of the future.
- How can the textile industry become more sustainable? (Euractiv, Euractiv, Fashion United)
- An article on the importance of lithium in the green energy transition.
- BEUC on electric cars and climate.
- A study by Transport & Environment on truck manufacturers' progress towards the EU's CO_2 targets for trucks. (Transport & Environment)
- What will it take to decarbonise shipping by 2050? (EnergyPost)
- Belgium wants to support the development of night trains. (VRT)
- Commission will give free rail passes to 60,000 Europeans aged 18-20
- To achieve its sustainability ambitions, the EU needs even better knowledge for action. This means better exploitation and use of existing knowledge, new types of knowledge, new ways of creating knowledge and, in some policy areas, better data and more concrete targets. A new report by the EEA.
- The UN Human Rights Council has voted by a large majority to recognise the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a human right. (The Guardian, UNEP)
- A report by Friends of Europe on a green digital transition.
- The EESC on the new industrial strategy.
- More than 80% of citizens from different EU countries want strong laws to hold companies accountable for overseas violations of human rights and the environment. (FoEE)
- Will the EU Taxonomy Regulation promote sustainable corporate governance? (Alessio Pacces)
- The EU launched its first green bonds. (Commission, Euractiv, EuroNews, Reuters, ESG Clarity)
- Digital Europe and others call for the accelerated adoption of a framework for sustainable finance.
- A report on how banks implementing the 'Principles for Responsible Banking'. (UNEP)
- The German SPD calls for the inclusion of gas in the green taxonomy. (Euractiv)
- How did MEPs vote on some key dossiers like biodiversity, due diligence and taxonomy? (VoteWatch)
- The UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) began with an online session from 11 to 15 October. (Conference, documents, Euractiv, IISD, The Guardian, Business for Nature, Ma Jun, Commission, Geneva Solutions, IIED, UNEP, WWF, HBS, DW, WEF, Earth.org, Jean Carlo Rodríguez de Francisco, ClientEarth, Climate Home News, UNEP, WWF, WWF, DW, UN News, CBD, Fern, Common Dreams, ESG Clarity, EuroNews, The Guardian, EuroNews)

- A new report by the Network for Greening the Financial System says central banks should support government initiatives to reverse biodiversity loss.
- Some member states disagree with the forest strategy proposed by the Commission. (Euractiv)
- How important are pollinators to wild plants? (The Conversation)
- A report by JRC on invasive alien species.
- CEO and EPHA on how the industry lobbied against the Farm fo Fork strategy.
- IDDRI and WWF on Farm to Fork.
- A report by IEEP on improving the resilience of the food system in Europe.
- What will be the impact of Farm to Fork on agriculture in Africa? How can the EU support sustainable food systems in developing countries? (ECDPM)
- The role of 'food environments' for sustainable food systems. (Arc2020, EPHA)
- More than 100 countries agreed on 8 October on a reform of the international tax regime. (Euractiv)
- Lasse Bruun on a just transition in food systems.
- Indigenous peoples and climate justice. (CarbonBrief)
- What is the state of the consultation on sustainability chapters in trade agreements? (Euractiv)

Activities

- 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
- 19/10 | Online | On the road to 2030: Eurocities info session on the EU 'Fit For 55' package
- 20/10 | The Clean Energy Transition: From Vision to Reality
- 20-21/10 | Hybrid | CIVITAS Forum Conference 2021
- 21/10 | Online | 2021 Production Gap Report launch event
- 21/10 | Online | ILO Just Energy Transition Futures - External Workshop
- 21/10 | Online | Delivering on the European Green Deal: Financing clean technology with the Innovation Fund
- 21/10 | Online | The EU green deal under scrutiny ahead of COP26
- 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
- 27/10 | Online | Visions for a Digital Europe 2025

- 27/10 | Online | [A just transition towards circular cities – why people matter](#)
- 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](#)
- 06/11 | [Climate Change Legislation, Litigation and the Rule of Law](#)
- 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](#)
- 30/11-01/12 | ? | [ESDN Conference 2021, European Recovery and Resilience Mechanisms - Challenges in systemic approaches in SD](#)

Commission documents

- 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 |
- 10/11 | Presentation of Strategic Compass
- 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 | Communication on decent work worldwide | Action plan for the social economy | Sustainable corporate governance
- 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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