



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 2022](#).

Current affairs

- COP26: [website UNFCCC](#), [website UK](#), [Earth Negotiations Bulletin](#).
- News about COP26. [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Stockholm Resilience Centre](#), [ESG Investor](#), [Climate Home News](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Briefing EP](#), [Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#), [UNEPFI](#), [Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Greta Thunberg](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [EP](#), [ICRC](#), [Reuters](#), [SciDev](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CAN Europe](#).
- On 21-22 October, there was a [European Council](#). One of the topics discussed was energy prices. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [WindFair](#))
- Reflections on high energy prices: [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Euractiv](#), [Danila Bochkarev](#), [Euractiv](#), [Eurofer](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [AP](#), [META](#).
- The [Production Gap Report 2021](#) shows that much more fossil fuels will still be produced in 2030 than should be allowed for under the Paris climate agreement. ([The Guardian](#), [SEI](#), [UNEP](#), [SEI](#))
- [Jan Rosenow and Megan Anderson](#) on the hydrogen and zero-carbon gas market package.
- CAN Europe on [methane emissions](#) from the energy sector.
- Last summer was the warmest ever. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- A [report by CEPR](#) on mandatory disclosure of carbon emissions by companies and the pathway to net zero.
- Why is it so difficult to end fossil fuel subsidies? ([Nature](#))
- The Commission presented the new [work programme 2022](#).
- Michael Mann on the Arctic strategy. ([Euractiv](#))

- Solar and wind energy are the basis for a sustainable energy system. ([CAN Europe](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- A [study](#) on the transformation of the EU energy system and the costs of 'non-Europe'.
- Are member states doing enough to help citizens switch from gas boilers to heat pumps? ([Coolproducts](#), [META](#))
- A [briefing](#) by CAN Europe on the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.
- A [new report](#) from the World Green Building Council on an integrated approach to buildings and infrastructure.
- How can we accelerate the energy renovation of buildings? ([E3G](#))
- A [new tool](#) for local authorities to measure all the benefits of building renovation, including environmental, social and economic impacts.
- An [article](#) on urban energy transitions.
- The European Parliament wants to protect workers from asbestos. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Ellen MacArthur Foundation on [communicating the circular economy](#).
- How can we fit [data centres](#) into the circular economy?
- [SITRA](#) on biodiversity and circular solutions.
- How can we prevent more [textiles](#) from ending up in landfills?
- An [article](#) about the research into considerations and synergies in the field of circular economy and sustainability.
- The Ellen MacArthur Foundation on [circular cities](#).
- The EU wants to become the world leader in batteries for electric vehicles. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Commission rejects industry criticism that the forthcoming EU battery regulation could drive up the cost of electric vehicles. ([Euractiv](#))
- The energy transition needs metals, but it also needs social awareness. ([WEF](#))
- An [article](#) on urban 'bikeability'.
- The Commission should do more to better regulate the presence of forever toxic chemicals, poisonous pesticides and endocrine disruptors in water. ([META](#))
- An [article](#) on digital transformation and sustainably oriented innovation.
- An [article](#) on the value of citizen participation in technology assessment, responsible research and innovation, and sustainable development.
- A Communication on the review of [economic governance](#). ([E3G](#), [Isabelle Brachet](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [META](#), [Politico](#), [Finance Watch](#))
- [Gert van der Bijl and Heske Verburg](#) ask that the announced scheme for 'due diligence' takes into account the interests of small farmers in different regions worldwide.
- The Green Deal could accelerate convergence between the newer and older member states. But if its implementation is badly handled, the economic and social gap between East and West will actually widen. ([Sieps](#))
- A new report shows that climate-friendly investments create more jobs than unsustainable ones. ([ITUC](#))
- Better sustainability data is still needed to accelerate the low-carbon transition in capital markets. ([Bruegel](#))
- [EIOPA](#) welcomes Commission's Solvency II proposals.
- The Green Deal is too dependent on private finance, says [Xavier Sol](#).
- A [new report by E3G](#) on the need for funding for the climate transition.
- Despite progress, annual funding for climate action is still far from sufficient to limit warming to 1.5°C. [A study](#) by Climate Policy Initiative.
- [EY's Sustainable Finance Index](#).
- New Zealand was the first country in the world to pass a law requiring financial institutions to disclose and act on climate-related risks and opportunities. ([The Guardian](#))
- How can green funds protect investors from the risks of climate change? ([WEF](#))

- Financial institutions' current investments in gas reflect an underestimation of climate risks. A [report](#) by New Climate Institute.
- Hedge fund manager Chris Hohn has called for stricter treatment of fossil fuel investments on banks' balance sheets. ([Euractiv](#))
- [CEWEP](#) on waste incineration and the taxonomy.
- The IMF is working on a fund of up to \$50 billion to increase climate resilience in poor and vulnerable indebted countries. ([Climate Home News](#))
- An overview of the results of the first part of COP15. ([IISD ENB](#))
- Reflections on the Cop15. [The Conversation](#), [IUCN](#), [IISD](#), [University of Reading](#).
- A [report by IEEP](#) on the biodiversity footprint.
- Wildlife is hit hard by the climate crisis. ([The Guardian](#))
- An [article](#) on urban green infrastructure and sustainable development.
- A review of recent studies on the potential impact of the Farm to Fork strategy. ([Commission](#))
- The European Parliament [voted on the Farm to Fork strategy](#). ([Politico](#), [WWF](#), [EP](#), [BEUC](#), [WWF](#), [IUCN](#), [ClientEarth](#), [CEJA](#), [Plant Based News](#))
- A [report](#) by EPHA on the link between current levels of meat production (farming) and consumption in Europe and public health.
- Does industrial chicken production pose a risk of a new pandemic? ([The Guardian](#))
- How can the EU further reduce conventional animal testing? ([JRC](#))
- [IEEP](#) on the Horizon Europe mission for soil.
- What can the EU do to improve opportunities for organic farming in Africa? ([Euractiv](#))
- Climate change could accelerate the transmission of infectious diseases, and the world's healthcare systems are not yet ready for the shock this will cause. ([TIME](#))
- Climate change is increasing food insecurity, poverty and displacement in Africa. A [new report](#) by the WMO.
- What is the state of the climate in Africa? ([WEF](#))
- Climate change threatens famine in Madagascar. ([UN News](#))
- A briefing on the concept of [climate refugees](#).
- [Adélaïde Charlier and Deborah Osei-Mensah](#) on European trade policy.
- What does the Green Deal mean for Africa? ([Zainab Usman, Olumide Abimbola and Imeh Ituen](#))

Activities

- 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](#)
- 26/10 | Online | [Rethinking Climate Change, Sustainability and Innovation: Discussing Academic and Policy Perspectives on the Upcoming Transformation](#)
- 26/10 | Online | [Resource efficiency to help combat food waste](#)
- 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](#)
- 27/10 | Online | [Horizon 2020 European Green Deal call: results and ambitions for the future](#)
- 28/10 | Webinar | [Is Europe still in the global race?](#)
- 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](#)
- 05/11 | [Ensuring a just and people-centred transition](#)
- 06/11 | [Climate Change Legislation, Litigation and the Rule of Law](#)
- 06/11 | [Scale up circular solutions to reach the 1,5-degree target](#)
- 06-07/11 | [2021 Global Conference on Health and Climate Change](#)
- 08/11 | [Just transition for all?](#)
- 08/11 | [Putting people at the core of climate action](#)
- 08-10/11 | Hybrid | [Sustainable Innovation Forum](#)
- 09/11 | Online | [Working towards a stronger Circular Economy – How much regulation is needed?](#)
- 09/11 | Online | [Circular textile design: get it right from the start!](#)
- 09-10/11 | Online | [Climate-neutral steelmaking in Europe – technology, financing and policy conditions](#)
- 09-10/11 | [Fleet Europe Summit](#)
- 10/11 | [Just Transitions from Black to Green: Oil and Gas as the Next Climate Frontier](#)
- 12/11 | Online | [The impact of the EU Taxonomy and SFRD in practice](#)
- 14/11 | Hybrid | [EU Energy Day - Hydrogen to drive the EU's green transition](#)
- 15/11 | Online | [The role of electrolytic hydrogen in the clean energy transition](#)
- 15-16/11 | Hybrid | [Employment policies for a job-rich recovery and a better future of work](#)
- 16-18/11 | [Tomorrow.Mobility Congress](#)
- 17/11 | Online | [Bringing circularity to e-commerce](#)
- 17-18/11 | Hybrid | [European Business Summit 2021: Beyond recovery: Towards a sustainable and innovative future](#)
- 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](#)
- 23/11 | Webinar | [Which future for housebuilding?](#)
- 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

- 27/10 | Review of the capital requirements legislation (Basel III)
- 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 | Review of competition policy: - fit for new challenges (tbc)
- 23/11 | European Semester autumn package | Capital Markets Union / - 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 / - Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation (MiFIR) review / - Supervisory Data Strategy (Communication)
- 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 | Proposal on implementation of the OECD global agreement on minimum effective taxation | Investment protection and facilitation framework

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