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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 2022](#).

Current affairs

- COP26: [website UNFCCC](#), [website UK](#), [Earth Negotiations Bulletin](#).
- News about COP26. [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [The Conversation](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [CEO](#), [EU](#), [ClientEarth](#), [UN News](#), [UN News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [IIED](#), [Richard Youngs](#), [CAN International](#), [Reuters](#), [Ellen MacArthur](#), [Matthew Gouett](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Politico](#), [Nicola Sturgeon](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Frans Timmermans](#), [Achim Steiner and Sandrine Dixson-Declève](#), [WEF](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Sebastien Duyck](#), [Erika Lennon](#), [Francesca Mingrone](#), [Nikki Reisch and Lien Vandamme](#), [CIEL](#), [Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders](#), [Care](#), [EuroNews](#), [CAN Europe](#), [SEI](#), [SEI](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [ITUC](#), [ILO](#), [PRI](#), [Climate Home News](#), [WWF](#).
- The world's richest countries have admitted that they have broken their promise to give developing countries USD 100 billion a year to help them cope with climate change. ([Politico](#), [Oxfam](#), [Clean Energy Wire](#), [E3G](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- UNEP published the [Emissions Gap Report 2021](#). Based on current climate plans, the world is heading for a temperature increase of at least 2.7°C. ([UNEP](#), [The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [EuroNews](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- The EU meets its 20-20-20 climate targets. A 55% emission reduction by 2030 is achievable with more effort and policies. ([EEA](#))
- World leaders should not allow double counting of emissions removed by forestry at COP26, says [Jean-Pascal van Ypersele](#).

- 2022 will be a crucial year for the Green Deal. ([Patrick Ten Brink](#))
- A [report](#) by a global commission - initiated by the IEA - of government leaders and prominent figures formulates recommendations to put people at the centre of the transition to clean energy.
- News about high energy prices. [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Brook Riley](#), [Euractiv](#), [Fondation Robert Schuman](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [CER](#).
- The Commission published the [State of the Energy Union 2021 Report](#) and the [Climate Action Progress Report](#).
- The ministers for transport, telecommunications and energy [met on 26 October](#), among other things to discuss high energy prices. ([Renovate Europe](#))
- In [an analysis](#), EEB compared the environmental impact of renewable energy and fossil fuels on land use, water use, air pollution and the climate. Renewable energy came out on top in almost every measure. ([META](#))
- Delaying the expansion of renewable energy in the EU would drive up carbon prices and result in higher electricity costs for industry, while a rapid rollout of renewable energy would stabilise or reduce bills, a [new study](#) says. ([Reuters](#))
- An OECD [report](#) on carbon pricing in times of Covid-19.
- Several European cities opt for geothermal energy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Thanks to today's closed loop technologies, geothermal energy is accessible almost everywhere in the world. ([Euractiv](#))
- What are the prospects for geothermal energy? ([Euractiv](#))
- CINEA on the challenge of completely abandoning fossil fuel projects. ([Euractiv](#))
- Faster renovation of draughty buildings can be a structural answer to high energy prices. ([Cambridge Econometrics](#), [Reuters](#))
- [Quentin de Hults](#), [EUASE](#) and [EPA](#) on the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.
- How can we switch the heating of buildings to renewable sources fast enough? A [study](#) by the Öko-Institut.
- A proposal for green mortgages to accelerate the deep renovation of buildings. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) about the new European Bauhaus.
- The wasteful destruction of unsold goods should be banned. ([EEB](#), [EEB](#))
- France has a '[reparability index](#)'.
- Transport & Environment and Amnesty International call for improvements in EU battery legislation to ensure [ethical extraction of minerals](#) for electric vehicle batteries.
- The mining industry warns against Europe's quest for 'autonomy' in raw materials. ([Euractiv](#))
- Social sustainability and the social dimension of circularity are still under-researched in the manufacturing industry. An [article](#).
- An [article](#) on the role of ICT solutions in promoting circular cities.
- An [article](#) on the relationship between the circular and innovation-based approaches to the economy.
- An [article](#) on life cycle-based sustainability and circularity indicators for the tourism sector.
- An [article](#) on implementing the circular economy by tracking sustainable impact.
- Greenpeace asks for more attention for the [train as an alternative](#) for short flights in Europe.
- A [study](#) on the aviation and maritime sector and the ETS system.
- UN chief António Guterres says current climate efforts of aviation and maritime are insufficient. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Weak EU targets provide almost no incentive for truck manufacturers to produce electric trucks. A [new report](#) by Transport & Environment.
- An [article](#) on shared e-scooters, with an overview of mobility patterns, frequency of use and personas.

- A [briefing](#) on transport trends in the National Recovery and Resilience Plans.
- Fossil fuel companies are using their privileged access to EU lawmakers to lobby against decarbonising transport. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EPHA on The Lancet Commission's new report on [health and climate change](#).
- Rebecca Humphries calls for more attention to the importance of the [8th Environmental Action Programme](#).
- A [new report](#) from the EEA on increasing water stress.
- The Commission adopted [new limit values](#) for some of the most harmful chemicals in waste.
- The last European Council also discussed the digital agenda. ([Euractiv](#))
- 8 proposals from Digital Europe for the [digital and climate transition](#).
- A [report by JRC](#) on a more flexible and agile exchange of geospatial data.
- [ECFR](#) on Europe's climate diplomacy in the Gulf.
- The [results](#) of European Green Deal Horizon 2020 call.
- A new update of the IEA's '[Sustainable Recovery Tracker](#)' shows that clean energy accounts for only 3% of recovery spending so far.
- An [analysis](#) of national plans for recovery and resilience, focusing on gender-related issues.
- A new study on how the public sector can take the lead in the transition to a green economy, if EU fiscal rules are changed. ([Euractiv](#))
- Have stock markets become more environmentally friendly? ([The Conversation](#))
- A new report on what investors need to know to accelerate the green transition in climate-intensive sectors. ([Stockholm Sustainable Finance Centre, SEI](#))
- What is the green bond market and why is it growing so fast? ([WEF](#))
- The three European Supervisory Authorities (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) have submitted to the Commission [their final report](#) with draft regulatory technical standards (RTS) on disclosures under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR).
- Sustainable taxonomies are not yet fully in place. ([OMFIF](#))
- The Commission proposed a [new banking package](#). ([Euractiv](#))
- [BETTER FINANCE](#) reacts to the Commission's proposal for a regulation laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence.
- Climate Policy Initiative proposed a [framework for sustainable financial integrity](#).
- An [article](#) classifying different approaches to green finance and green monetary policy.
- The EIB will no longer lend to polluting companies that want to finance low-carbon projects. ([The Guardian](#))
- What message should financial institutions take away from the recent COP15 meeting? ([GreenBiz](#))
- The answer to the biodiversity crisis is not more debt for the developing world. ([Nature](#))
- A group of European countries have agreed to establish a new legally binding mechanism to protect environmental activists. ([Modern Diplomacy](#))
- NGOs urge holistic approach to forestry. ([Euractiv](#))
- NGOs are concerned about opposition to the proposed European forestry strategy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Fern on [forestry and just transition](#).
- An EU plan against imported deforestation, is based on incorrect data, say scientists whose work was used by the European Commission. ([The Guardian](#))
- 73% of Europeans think that the EU should ensure that all products sold in the EU are sustainable and do not lead to a loss of biodiversity. ([WWF](#))
- [Slow Food](#) on the Farm to Fork strategy.
- A [report by IEEP](#) on a legislative framework for sustainable food systems in the EU.
- A briefing on [urban agriculture](#).

- The Commission rejects calls for more transparency in the preparation of CAP strategic plans. ([Euractiv](#))
- [AgroEcology Europe](#) on the biodiversity challenge.
- [META](#) on carbon farming.
- [ETUC](#) on the review of trade and sustainable development (TSD) policies.
- Rich countries benefit more from the recently announced OECD tax deal than developing countries, a new study shows. ([Euractiv](#))
- Lower-income countries spend five times more on debt than on mitigating climate change and reducing carbon emissions. ([The Guardian](#))
- Green industrial policy is essential for developing countries to adapt to climate change. ([UNCTAD](#))

Activities

- 01/11 | [One Planet Summit](#)
- 02/11 | Online | [Executive Briefing on the United Nations Biodiversity Conference](#)
- 02/11 | [Implementation of markets and non-market provisions in the Paris Agreement](#)
- 02/11 | Online | [Long-Term Strategies: Priorities, Lessons and Opportunities for International Cooperation](#)
- 03/11 | Online | [Beyond GDP measures for a successful recovery and a sustainable and resilient EU economy](#)
- 03/11 | Online | [Launch of the EU Solar Jobs Report 2021: Towards Higher Solar Ambitions in Europe](#)
- 03-05/11 | [Eurocities 2021 Leipzig: The power of cities – transforming society](#)
- 04/11 | Hybrid | [Beyond Energy: A Just transition for all](#)
- 04/11 | [Climate-neutral housing – Decarbonizing the housing stock in an inclusive and affordable way](#)
- 04/11 | [Sustainable finance and digitalization](#)
- 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](#)
- 08/11 | Online | [What about the workers? Making workplaces safe for workers and the environment](#)
- 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!](#)
- 09/11 | [Driving innovation for net-zero: Evidence, tools, and policies](#)
- 09/11 | Online | [Cracking the decarbonization code: How to put buildings at the core of the Fit for 55 package?](#)
- 09/11 | Online | [The Future of Sustainability in the European Securitisation Markets Virtual Conference](#)
- 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](#)
- 10/11 | Online | [Flexibility: The enabler for a clean energy future?](#)
- 10/11 | [Financing climate action in cities and regions](#)
- 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](#)
- 15-17/11 | Online | [Just Transition Platform \(JTP\) Meeting](#)
- 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?](#)
- 23/11 | Webinar | [How to make the EU Taxonomy an international tool?](#)
- 24-26/11 | [2nd International Conference on Circularity in the Built Environment](#)
- 25/11 | Online | [Beyond Glasgow: What impact will COP26 have on Europe's green dreams?](#)
- 25/11 | Webinar | [Efficiency-as-a-Service: lifting barriers to energy efficiency deployment](#)
- 26/11 | Hybrid | [NET-ZERO: An Energy System for a Climate-Neutral Europe by 2050](#)
- 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

- 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

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