



## 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. [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [UNEP](#), [The Conversation](#), [ETUI](#), [DW](#), [UN News](#), [WWF](#), [JRC](#), [E3G](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Michael Bradshaw](#), [EEAS](#), [UN News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [IEEP](#), [CAN Europe](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [WWEA](#), [Right to Energy Coalition](#), [Commision](#), [UN News](#), [CEO](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [WWF](#), [EnergyPost](#), [Politico](#), [The Guardian](#), [Larry Elliott](#), [BEUC](#), [E3G](#), [The Conversation](#), [Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action](#), [WBCSD](#), [ECCJ](#), [Reuters](#), [DW](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [WEF](#), [UNFCCC](#), [UN News](#), [IIED](#).
- The WMO published a [new report](#). The past seven years have been the warmest on record.
- The heat waves and forest fires that wreaked havoc across Europe this summer would not have happened without global warming, according to a new analysis. ([The Guardian](#))
- Global carbon emissions are shooting back to pre-pandemic record levels, new analysis shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- The richest 1% will account for 16% of total emissions by 2030, while the poorest 50% will emit one tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> a year. ([The Guardian](#))
- In 2020, the EU and its 27 member states gave [€23.39 billion in climate finance](#) to developing countries.
- A [report by LSE](#) (with Nicholas Stern) on the 100 billion climate finance.

- The Commission launches an 'EU mission' for [climate neutral and smart cities](#).
- Reports on high energy prices: [Social Europe](#), [OECD and IEA](#), [Harry Verhaar](#), [C40](#).
- A WWF report on a [just energy transition](#).
- According to a new study, gas companies made a lot of money from the energy crisis. ([Euractiv](#))
- Recycling revenues from energy and carbon taxes to support low-income groups, investments in building renovation and in green mobility can build public support for Europe's sustainability agenda and a socially just transition. A [new briefing](#) from the EEA.
- WEF says taxing CO<sub>2</sub> emitters would cost less than the economic impact of the climate crisis. ([The Guardian](#))
- NGOs call for a reform of the way bioenergy is treated in the EU Renewable Energy Directive. ([Fern](#))
- Activists remain concerned about the Energy Charter Treaty. ([The Guardian](#))
- Inaccurate' EU energy labels for buildings to be revised. ([Euractiv](#))
- Building must become greener to meet climate targets. ([WEF](#))
- An [article](#) on sustainability transitions through the dynamics of circular building projects.
- A [study](#) by CIEL on 'net-zero plastic'.
- A toolkit for end-of-life circularity in tyre management. ([WBCSD](#))
- Industry is concerned about mandatory recycling targets in new EU battery legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on resource efficiency and circular economy in European SMEs.
- An [article](#) on performance measurement systems for Circular Supply Chain Management.
- An [article](#) on a toolset for piloting urban green infrastructure to support the development of climate resilient cities.
- A theme issue on [shared mobility](#).
- Uber will have to be much more ambitious if it wants to fulfil its ambition to electrify half of its rides in seven cities across Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- An [article](#) on the smart integration of electric buses in cities.
- The EU Buildings Directive should give electric vehicle owners the right to a smart plug. ([Jaap Burger and Luka De Bruyckere](#))
- Transport & Environment on the EU initiative for [sustainable aviation fuels](#).
- At the [ECOFIN meeting on 9 November](#), the topics discussed include recovery policy and high energy prices. ([EEB](#))
- Digital technologies have the potential to bring about carbon emission reductions in sectors hitherto considered difficult to phase out, such as buildings, industry and agriculture. ([Euractiv](#))
- Tech sector warns of politicisation of EU semiconductor industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- The US and EU have agreed to end their trade dispute over steel and aluminium and announced steps to promote the production of low-carbon steel. ([Euractiv](#))
- Why a transition to green assets in the global steel sector by the 2020s is critical to protecting jobs and meeting the 1.5°C target. A [study by Agora](#).
- Fewer consumers show green behaviour during pandemic, Ipsos survey shows. ([WEF](#))
- EU member states may pump more money into green climate, energy and environment projects thanks to new state aid rules. ([Reuters](#))
- [Sandra Eckert](#) makes an evaluation of the Green Deal.
- [EPC](#) on the Green Deal.
- ILO made a [user guide](#) to the Guidelines for a Just Transition.
- [Elise Attal and Jan Vandermosten](#), [WWF](#), [Reclaim Finance](#) and [Euractiv](#) on the taxonomy for sustainable finance.
- [EACB](#) on the EU strategy for sustainable finance.

- [ESMA](#) highlights its contribution to a more sustainable financial system.
- The National Bank of Belgium wants to make the financial system greener with [climate-oriented risk management](#).
- European financial regulators say they are uncovering more and more cases of greenwashing by asset managers responding to the fast-growing demand for sustainable finance. ([Reuters](#))
- About half of the world's fossil fuels will be worthless in a net zero transition by 2036, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- [Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg and Michal Wiezik](#) on the opposition of some countries to the EU forest strategy.
- Natural climate solutions (NCS) help companies offset and remove emissions at lower cost than technological solutions. ([WEF](#))
- [Elena Basilio Puig](#) on the 'blue economy'.
- Will philanthropists save biodiversity? ([Vox](#))
- [Galina Jönsson](#) on the biodiversity and climate crisis.
- There is discussion about the different impact studies on the Farm to Fork strategy. ([Euractiv](#))
- [IEEP's response](#) to the consultation on the review of EU trade and sustainable development policy.

*There will be no European Green Deal Briefing on Friday 12 November. The next issue will appear on 19 November.*

## Activities

- 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](#)
- 09/11 | Webinar | [Fuels and “Fit for 55”: Identifying sustainability risks and opportunities to increase GHG savings](#)
- 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](#)
- 11/11 | Hybrid | [Unlocking Net Zero in Cities Through Sustainable Digital Transformation and Innovative Solutions](#)
- 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](#)
- 15-17/11 | Hybrid | [Beautiful, sustainable, together: LIFE in the New European Bauhaus](#)
- 16/11 | Online | [Using sustainably-sourced renewable materials to reach the EU Green Deal ambitions: How can we get it right?](#)
- 16/11 | Online | [The organic approach to plant health](#)
- 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](#)
- 18/11 | Online | [Bringing nature into corporate decision-making: challenges and opportunities ahead](#)
- 22-23/11 | Online | [Energy Poverty Advisory Hub Launch Event 2021](#)
- 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?](#)
- 23/11 | Online | [Entrepreneurship and skills for a fair, green and digital recovery](#)
- 24/11 | Webinar | [Chemical recycling: what is the state of play globally?](#)
- 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](#)
- 29/11 | Online | [PFAS: Challenges and solutions](#)
- 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](#)
- 01/12 | Online | [Boosting the Sustainable Products' Initiative \(SPI\) in the EU](#)
- 01-02/12 | Online | [Level the playing field for green retail investors](#)
- 07/12 | Online | [How to design and organize circular material flows](#)
- 08/12 | Webinar | [Developing a sustainable electronics value chain – what policies and challenges lie ahead?](#)

### 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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