



## 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

- Reflections after COP26: [The Conversation](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [EnergyPost](#), [ClientEarth](#), [The Conversation](#), [Peter Stott](#), [WBCSD](#), [WBCSD](#), [Howard Davies](#), [Climate Action Tracker](#), [WEF](#), [ClientEarth](#).
- Greenhouse gas emissions from EU countries rose by 18% last spring. ([Euractiv](#))
- [IndustriAll](#) on 'Fit for 55'.
- New research shows that a temporary overshoot of temperature targets before the end of this century will lead to greater economic losses and more severe climate impacts than if temperatures remain below these targets throughout the century. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- [Sandbag](#) and [ERCST](#) on CBAM.
- An [article](#) analysing the necessary burden sharing within the EU using a multi-model approach.
- The EU remains on track to gradually reduce the use of climate-harming F-gases. A new [report](#) by the EEA.
- [Bruegel](#), [IndustriAll](#) and [ETUI](#) on high energy prices.
- [EPC](#) on a just energy transition.
- [Renewable electricity](#) is growing faster than ever globally, supporting the emergence of the new global energy economy. A new [report](#) from the IEA. ([The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#))
- [CAN Europe](#) on the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive.
- The cost of producing green hydrogen from renewable energy will fall and production capacity in Europe and neighbouring countries will likely exceed current targets. ([Euractiv](#))

- The 'Clean Hydrogen Partnership' is moving away from hydrogen cars. ([Euractiv](#))
- [CAN Europe](#) on the Commission's proposal on sustainable carbon cycles.
- The EU is considering a 20% hydrogen-ready standard for gas boilers. ([Euractiv](#))
- What to expect from the new gas market regulation proposal? ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on sustainable heat supply with decentralised multi-energy systems by integrating seasonal heat storage in the subsurface.
- Policies to moderate high energy prices should accelerate building renovation. ([Oliver Rapp](#))
- [CAN Europe](#) on the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD). ([Letter](#))
- The Commission is considering a new EU-wide requirement to measure the carbon emissions of building materials over their entire life cycle. ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU must ensure that nobody is evicted from their home when houses or flats undergo major renovation. ([Barbara Steenbergen](#))
- On 2 December, the [energy ministers](#) met. ([Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) about design for a circular economy.
- An [article](#) about a board game as a tool to support circular economy education and business model innovation.
- An [article](#) on circular business processes.
- How has China monopolised the electric car industry? ([Euractiv](#))
- A Swedish battery manufacturer has made its first battery cell with 100% recycled nickel, manganese and cobalt. Are the new EU rules ambitious enough? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Batteries made with emission-free lithium from geothermal plants in Germany could power a million vehicles a year by the mid-2020s. ([Euractiv](#))
- For many Europeans the electric car revolution is a mirage. ([Euractiv](#))
- Electric vehicles are seen as key to the transition to a low-carbon economy, but as their human and environmental costs become clearer, can new technology help? ([The Guardian](#))
- An [article](#) on modelling the impact of electric vehicle charging infrastructure on regional energy systems.
- Trade unions, environmentalists and industry propose a common vision for [a just transition in the car industry](#).
- A [briefing](#) on the new proposals for tightening CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles.
- [Transport & Environment](#) on the revision of the CO<sub>2</sub> standards for vans in the EU.
- The EU hydrogen plan would put additional pressure on energy prices. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- An [article](#) on blockchain and smart mobility.
- [CEFIC](#) on the upcoming EU legislation for the chemical industry.
- [WWF](#) on the 8th Environmental Action Programme.
- An EEA [report](#) on a resilient economy within planetary boundaries.
- Compared to past transitions, the green transition needs to be better planned so as not to leave anyone behind. ([Claudia Detsch](#))
- The OECD published [a report](#) on inequality. How do people perceive economic inequality and social mobility? ([Modern Diplomacy](#))
- It is important to put gender equality at the heart of climate action. ([C40](#))
- Why a clean and healthy environment is a human right. ([WEF](#))
- The Commission launched the '[Global Gateway](#)'. ([Euractiv](#), [E3G](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the European Recovery Package.
- A group of organisations calls for future legislation on human rights and due diligence to be [gender-sensitive](#).
- A [report](#) by some NGOs on the proposed framework for sustainable corporate governance.

- The Commission has postponed indefinitely its promised proposal on sustainable corporate governance. ([ETUC](#), [ESG Today](#))
- ESG Book was launched on 1 December. ([Euractiv](#))
- [CAN Europe](#)'s contribution to the consultation on the EU economic governance review.
- The discussion on taxonomy continues. [Transport & Environment](#), [E3G](#), [Andreas Hoepner](#), [E3G](#).
- An [article](#) on sustainable finance and Covid-19.
- The anticipated UN round of negotiations on biodiversity has been postponed. ([WWF](#))
- How can insights from international human rights mechanisms help the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity? An [article](#).
- The EU is stepping up its efforts in soil health research. ([Euractiv](#))
- Can 'nature-based solutions' help tackle climate change? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Will the environmental programmes of the new Common Agricultural Policy be worth their name? A [study](#) by BirdLife. ([EEB](#), [Euractiv](#))
- A new study analyses the pesticide sector at EU level. ([Arc2020](#))

### Activities

- 07/12 | Online | [How to design and organize circular material flows](#)
- 07/12 | Webinar | [“Fit for 55” package: is the EU on its way for fossil free cities?](#)
- 07/12 | Online | [Sustainable Finance Forum](#)
- 07/12 | Online | [The European Green Deal: A recipe for development or a source of conflict?](#)
- 08/12 | Online | [Innovative digital tools to enhance food security in Africa](#)
- 08/12 | Webinar | [Developing a sustainable electronics value chain – what policies and challenges lie ahead?](#)
- 08/12 | Online | [Energy poverty: How to reduce inequalities?](#)
- 09/12 | Webinar | [Building union power in renewables](#)
- 09/12 | Online | [How to make subscription-based mobility work](#)
- 09/12 | Webinar | [StreamSAVE: Five actions fit for 55: streamlining energy savings calculations](#)
- 09/12 | Webinar | [Demystifying the COP26 deal on Article 6: Five questions, five experts](#)
- 09/12 | Online | [The Green and Socially just transition to net-zero homes in Europe - Getting the path right](#)
- 13/12 | Online | [Digital food transition in Europe](#)
- 14/12 | Webinar | [Planetary Health: How do we want to shape our future?](#)
- 14/12 | Webinar | [A Just Transition to a Circular Economy—Employment Trends and Visions for the Future](#)
- 16-17/12 | Online | [Measuring the effectiveness of environmental law through legal indicators](#)

### Commission documents

- 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, including the alignment of rail freight corridors / - Revision of the

Directive on Intelligent Transport Systems / - New EU urban mobility framework / - Action plan to boost long-distance and cross-border passenger rail | Improving environmental protection through criminal law

- 22/12 | Own resources package | Proposal on implementation of the OECD global agreement on minimum effective taxation

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