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 2022](#).

Current affairs

- Lessons from COP26 for financing the just transition. ([LSE](#))
- Will COP26 become a diplomatic springboard to a world beyond fossil fuels? ([E3G](#))
- The meaning of 'net zero' and how to get it right. ([Nature](#))
- Was COP26 the conference of the just transition? ([IASS](#))
- A [briefing](#) from E3G on the geopolitics of extreme climate risks.
- [FuelsEurope](#) on CBAM.
- How can CBAM be made effective and equitable? ([Agnese Ruggiero](#))
- [Environment ministers](#) met on 20 December.
- [CEO](#) on the priorities of the French presidency.
- The demands of the [environmental movement](#) for the new EP trio presidency.
- There is discussion on the proposed social climate fund. ([Imke Lübbeke and Ludovic Voet](#), [Euractiv](#))
- EU countries should set up 'one-stop shops' to help homeowners renovate. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU risks missing emissions targets due to weak climate regulation. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EU countries remain divided over proposals to tighten carbon emission standards for cars and to extend the EU carbon market to the road transport sector. ([Euractiv](#))
- How can taxes and other economic instruments help make polluters pay? A new [study](#) by IEEP.

- Will Portugal open lithium mines and thus contribute to the development of electric transport? ([Euractiv](#))
- Offer electric car services on a co-operative basis. ([ResCoop](#))
- Why electric cars are already the cheapest option for business drivers. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- 17% of new trucks in 2030 will be hydrogen-powered, EU thinks. ([Euractiv](#))
- The number of SUVs on the world's roads has increased by more than 35 million in the past 12 months, increasing annual CO_2 emissions by 120 million tonnes. ([IEA](#))
- New "green" Erasmus+ programme fails to tackle side effects of mobility. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on the priority industrial designers give to sustainability within an Industry 4.0 paradigm.
- With the arrival of Intel, Europe gets advanced chips. ([Euractiv](#))
- Combating deforestation and exploitation in supply chains: How do the two EU due diligence proposals compare? ([Germanwatch](#))
- In a letter, Finance Watch is concerned about the delay in publishing the legislative proposal on 'sustainable corporate governance', and the lack of information to explain this new delay. ([Finance Watch](#))
- The Commission presented [a proposal](#) for 'own resources'. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The Commission proposed a directive for a [minimum tax](#) for companies, along with a directive to make it difficult to evade taxes through [shell companies](#). ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#))
- The Commission has laid down new rules for green state aid. ([Euractiv](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Climate Home News](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- How will Member States spend the European Recovery Fund and will they reach the minimum 37% required for climate action? ([Olivier Vardakoulias and Christophe Jost](#))
- A [reflection](#) of European think tanks on sustainable financial policies.
- Finance has a major role to play in slowing the pace of climate change. ([Sharmeen Contractor and Kees Kodde](#))
- The publication of a long-awaited part of the taxonomy will probably happen in early 2022. ([Euractiv](#)) Meanwhile, the discussion on taxonomy continues. ([Bianca Castro et al](#)., [Andreas Schnieder et al](#)., [The Guardian](#))
- The central role of finance ministers in a changing climate. A [report](#) by E3G.
- [WWF](#) responds to [new dates](#) for next round of UN biodiversity talks.
- Towards a post-2020 global biodiversity framework that incorporates gender. ([FTA](#))
- A report on sustainable consumption for biodiversity and ecosystem services. ([Adelphi](#))
- More than 150,000 Europeans call on EU to ban bottom trawling to protect ocean and climate. ([Seas at Risk](#))
- France and Austria ask Brussels to develop EU strategy for plant proteins. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU promotional policy for 2022 will encourage a shift to more plant-based diets after red and processed meat was labelled a cancer risk. ([Euractiv](#))
- The issue of vaccine hoarding and the production of African vaccines is likely to dominate the long-delayed summit between the EU and the African Union (AU), but both sides also want to strengthen cooperation on agricultural policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Although African leaders and negotiators made some progress at COP26, the final results were ultimately disproportionate to the scale of the continent's needs. ([Chatham House](#))
- How can the 'Glasgow Dialogue' provide funding? ([Climate Home News](#))

Activities

- 07/01 | Online | [Fit for 55: delivering the EU's 2030 Climate Target on the way to climate neutrality](#)
- 12/01 | Online | [SEI Currents 2022](#)
- 12/01 | Online | [Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS): still waiting for Godot?](#)
- 17/01 | Webinar | [Webinar on the electrification of mobility](#)
- 24-28/01 | Online | [Right to Energy Forum 2022](#)
- 02/02 | Online | [Due diligence and responsible sourcing: Can a common approach for all sectors work?](#)
- 10/02 | Webinar | [Co-Building an Inclusive Green Deal](#)
- 18/02 | Webinar | [The Future Europe Wants: A Green and Digital, Job-Based and Inclusive Recovery](#)
- 19/02 | Hybrid | [European Green Deal and Farm to Fork strategy: how innovation can support the transition towards global sustainable food systems](#)
- 01-02/03 | ? | [2022 Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference](#)
- 12/04 | Webinar | [Ensuring the non-toxicity of products and packaging: a prerequisite to achieve a circular economy and protect our health](#)

Commission documents

- 02/02 | Standardisation strategy
- 15/02 | Just and sustainable economy package: - Communication on decent work worldwide / - Sustainable corporate governance (tbc)
- 23/02 | Data act
- 23/03 | Nature protection package: - Sustainable use of pesticides – revision of the EU rules / - Protecting biodiversity: nature restoration targets
- 30/03 | Circular economy package I: - Sustainable products policy initiative, including a revision of the Ecodesign Directive / - Review of the Construction Product Regulation / - Proposal for a Regulation on substantiating environmental claims using the Product/ Organisation Environmental Footprint methods (green claims) / - Strategy on sustainable textiles / - Empowering consumers for the green transition
- 05/04 | Emissions and pollutants package: - Revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive and update of the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR) / - Review of EU rules on fluorinated greenhouse gases / - Regulation on substances that deplete the ozone layer / - Development of post-Euro 6/VI emission standards for cars, vans, lorries and buses
- 27/04 | New strategy on international energy engagement
- 25/05 | European Semester Spring Package
- 07/06 | Joint Communication on international ocean governance
- 15/06 | 2022 Strategic Foresight Report
- 05/07 | New design requirements and consumer rights for electronics
- 20/07 | Circular Economy Package II: - Policy framework for bio-based, biodegradable and compostable plastics / - Review of the Packaging and packaging waste directive to reinforce the essential requirements for packaging and establish EU level packaging waste prevention measures and targets / - Review of the Urban Wastewater Treatment directive

The briefing will go on holiday. The next briefing will appear on Friday, 7 January 2022. We wish you happy holidays and a happy new year.

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