



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

- What can we expect from the French Presidency? ([Euractiv](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the priority dossiers of the French Presidency.
- What is on the [European Parliament's](#) agenda this year?
- Almost every country on earth could experience extremely hot years every other year by 2030, new research shows. ([Euractiv](#))
- Action on climate change: 6 trends to watch out for in 2022. ([Thomson Reuters Foundation](#))
- Proceeds from the planned CBAM should be used to help the poorest countries decarbonise their polluting industries, argues an MEP. ([Climate Home News](#))
- An [article](#) on the long-term impact assessment for solar and wind energy.
- What will happen to energy prices in 2022? ([The Conversation](#))
- An [article](#) on research trends in climate change and the circular economy.
- An [article](#) about the business potential and user acceptance of the circular economy.
- Can packaging become climate neutral? ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) about a circular economy for more sustainable clothing consumption.
- The Commission wants to amend the ETS rules for aviation. [Transport & Environment](#) responds.
- Brussels is being pressured to help reduce "ghost flights" in Europe. ([EuroNews](#))
- Three ways to make better use of the European Union's CO₂ regulation for heavy duty vehicles. ([ICCT](#))
- An [article](#) on sustainable software.

- Social policy becomes key to EU's green transition. ([Sharan Burrow and Luca Visentini](#))
- A [report](#) by Bruegel on the transition to a green economy and the Green Deal from a macro perspective.
- The Commission has a proposal for the place of gas and nuclear in the taxonomy. The consultation with Member States is now starting. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [WWF](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [CAN Europe](#), [E3G](#), [Reuters](#), [PV Magazine](#), [BEUC](#), [ESG Today](#), [Reuters](#), [EuroNews](#), [Euractiv](#), [PV Magazine](#), [Club of Rome](#), [Bellona](#), [S&P Global](#))
- An [article](#) on the past, present and future of sustainable finance.
- Biodiversity: five big questions for 2022. ([BirdLife](#))
- Urban green roofs promote urban biodiversity. An [article](#).
- What impact does the Common Agricultural Policy have on biodiversity, soil and water? A [report](#) from the Commission.
- What will happen in 2022 in terms of agriculture? ([Euractiv](#))
- Nine member states have not yet completed their strategic plan under the Common Agricultural Policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- What is the state of play of the EU-AU summit in February? ([Euractiv](#))

Activities

- 10/01 | Online | [France's priorities for the Presidency of the Council of the European Union](#)
- 12/01 | Online | [SEI Currents 2022](#)
- 12/01 | Online | [Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage \(CCUS\): still waiting for Godot?](#)
- 13/01 | Online | [Delivering the European Green Deal: creating a climate of co-operation after COP26](#)
- 17/01 | Webinar | [Webinar on the electrification of mobility](#)
- 19-21/01 | Online | [Circular Economy for a Climate-neutral Europe](#)
- 24-28/01 | Online | [Right to Energy Forum 2022](#)
- 25/01 | Webinar | [Duurzaam wonen – welke verbeteringen beoogt de Commissie rond energie- en materialenprestaties van gebouwen?](#)
- 25/01 | Online | [Skills – the currency of the future. How is the EU accelerating upskilling and reskilling?](#)
- 27/01 | Online | [Just Transition Governance and Financing across EU Member States](#)
- 27/01 | Online | [Farm to Fork Strategy – What are the policy instruments needed to reach the targets?](#)
- 02/02 | Online | [Due diligence and responsible sourcing: Can a common approach for all sectors work?](#)
- 03/02 | Online | [EU Methane Regulation: How can policymakers raise ambition?](#)
- 09/02 | Online | [Green steel: CBAM and ETS - do their current designs aid EU climate ambitions?](#)
- 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](#)
- 22-23/02 | Online | [NextGenerationEU – Europe's Recovery Plan One Year On](#)
- 01-02/03 | ? | [2022 Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference](#)
- 17-18/03 | Hybrid | [Annual Conference on European Environmental Law 2022](#)

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

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