



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

- [META](#), [Dick Roche](#), [Ursula von der Leyen](#), [Bellona](#), [CSIS](#), [EPSU](#) on the French Presidency.
- Last year was the world's fifth warmest on record. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- What are the climate change trends to look out for in 2022? ([WEF](#))
- The new '[Global Risks Report 2022](#)' has been published. ([Euractiv](#), [Zurich](#), [The Guardian](#), [Reuters](#), [NPR](#))
- Nearly quarter of world's population had record hot year in 2021, data shows. ([The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The IEA published the new '[Electricity Market Report](#)'. ([The Guardian](#))
- EU ETS emissions continued to fall during the Covid-19 pandemic. ([EEA](#))
- The MEP in charge of negotiating the upcoming tax on carbon-intensive imports (CBAM) has recommended drastic changes. ([Euractiv](#), [IISD](#))
- [SMEunited](#) on CBAM.
- How carbon pricing can decarbonise European heavy industry. ([CER](#))
- Despite some good elements, the European Commission's proposed carbon removal strategy leaves the door wide open for offsets after 2030, which will undermine its ability to reduce emissions, writes [Wijnand Stoefs](#).
- The role of CCUS on the EU's path to climate neutrality. ([EUI](#))
- [Bruegel](#) made an analysis of the national energy and climate plans.
- The IEA on the potential of [digital business models](#) in the new energy economy.
- [SolarPower Europe](#) pleads for more ambition in the framework of Fit for 55.

- An [article](#) on logistics in the circular economy.
- An [article](#) on clothing quality and product life in a circular economy context.
- The EU has set itself the target of recycling more packaging waste, but whether that target is reached will depend on local authorities stepping up and improving collection. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on recycling lithium-ion batteries - current state of the art, circular economy and next generation recycling.
- A briefing on the '[right to repair](#)'.
- How repairable laptops can reduce e-waste in the circular economy. ([WEF](#))
- Should Europe reopen mines for the critical raw materials for the energy transition? ([Frank Umbach](#))
- A [dissertation](#) on the politics of sustainability transitions to a circular economy in the wastewater systems of Belgium and the Netherlands.
- Critics say the EU's draft law on 'green claims' focuses too much on CO₂ impacts. ([Euractiv](#))
- A European Parliament committee voted on the new 'Eurovignette' scheme. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Strict EU rules on car emissions are necessary, says the prime minister of a key German state. ([Euractiv](#))
- How auto parts manufacturers are lobbying to slow down EU's decarbonisation agenda. A [new report](#) from InfluenceMap. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on the role of data in assessing the sustainability of urban mobility policies.
- Commission denies existence of ghost flights despite concerns airlines. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission must push for green transition in shipping. ([Pernille Weiss and Tiemo Wölken](#))
- More than 25 million tonnes of CO₂ - equivalent to Denmark's emissions - are exempt from the EU's proposed carbon price for shipping, according to [a new study](#) by Transport & Environment. ([Euractiv](#))
- 10 issues to watch in 2022. A [report](#).
- Some 1.8 million additional deaths and nearly two million asthma cases are attributed to air pollution worldwide in 2019, two studies show. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on the importance of 'flow' for a sustainable lifestyle.
- The climate transition and its social dimension require more powerful tools than those proposed by the Commission. ([Mehtap Akgüç, Kalina Arabadjieva and Béla Galgóczi](#))
- A report on climate-related 'greenwashing' and legal liability for misleading climate communication. ([LSE](#))
- A [report](#) on 'Industry 5.0', a transformative vision for Europe.
- MEPs warn that the money pledged to green the steel industry falls far short of what is needed. ([Science | Business](#))
- A €47 million fund will be set up to protect the intellectual property of EU SMEs in their Covid-19 recovery and green and digital transitions. ([Commission](#))
- The EU should intensify its cooperation with other parts of the world on green innovation, writes [Mats Engström](#).
- If the EU coordinates its economic recovery in such a way that it goes hand in hand with its Green Deal, and perhaps also imposes some of the Deal's standards on (future) alliances, it may be able to shape a greener future worldwide. ([Fiona De Cuyper](#))
- To what extent are funds distributed through the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) used by member states to finance new projects? A [report](#) by CEPS.
- Discussions on the reform of the European Union's budgetary rules should consider a more permanent but focused role for the Recovery and Resilience Fund to deliver on climate ambitions. ([Bruegel](#))
- A new look at economic governance: it is time for a pact for sustainability and well-being. ([META](#))

- MEPs clash over scope of sustainability reporting directive. ([The Parliament Magazine](#))
- As the world adjusted to the ongoing Covid crisis in 2021, policymakers' attention on sustainable finance and corporate sustainability gained further momentum. ([PRI](#))
- The Commission is giving a little more time for experts to respond to the new taxonomy proposals. Meanwhile, the discussion continues. ([Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [Edie](#), [IIGCC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Euractiv](#), [TIME](#), [WWF](#))
- The EU taxonomy is also about tackling chemical pollution. ([Charlotte Wagner and Timothy Suljada](#))
- A [briefing](#) on European green bonds.
- Restoring nature is a matter of intergenerational justice. ([Giulia Testa](#))
- The pace of global warming is forcing insect populations to move and adapt - and some aggressive species are thriving. ([The Guardian](#))
- Plants at risk of extinction as climate crisis disrupts animal migration ([The Guardian](#))
- What can we expect from the world's sixth mass extinction? ([DW](#))
- A more plant-based diet could give rich countries a "double climate dividend": fewer emissions and more land to sequester carbon, says a new study. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- An article on climate refugees. ([The Conversation](#))
- The Paris agreement depends on better accountability on climate finance. ([SEI](#))
- Climate change increases risks for violent conflict in Africa. ([SEI](#))
- The Paris climate agreement will not correct the carbon footprint of the rich. ([SEI](#))
- The four pillars of European Green Deal diplomacy. ([Emmanuel Guerin](#))

Activities

- 17/01 | Webinar | [Webinar on the electrification of mobility](#)
- 19/01 | Online | [Making the most of the social economy's contribution to the circular economy](#)
- 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?](#)
- 25/01 | Online | [At what price? The role of the EU's Emissions Trading System in combating the climate crisis](#)
- 26/01 | Online | [Material requirements for the green transition](#)
- 26/01 | Webinar | [A robust CBAM design to unlock climate-friendly industry investments at EU scale](#)
- 26/01 | Online | [EU Taxonomy: extension framework and interplay with transition pathways](#)
- 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?](#)
- 28/01 | Online | [Hydrogen: completing the regulatory puzzle](#)
- 28/01 | Online | [Shaping the decade of building renovations](#)
- 01/02 | Webinar | [Financial instruments for the circular economy](#)
- 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](#)
- 17/02 | Online | [How connectivity provides possibilities to optimise your corporate mobility?](#)
- 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](#)
- 22/03 | Online | [Second stakeholders workshop - Safe and sustainable by design criteria for chemicals and materials](#)
- 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](#)
- 23-25/05 | Hybrid | [DNC2022: Biodiversity - Stewardship for Vital Resources](#)

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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