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

- President Macron presented the French Presidency in the European Parliament. ([Euractiv](#))
- [CAN Europe](#) on the new trio presidency.
- State of the Climate: How the world is warming up in 2021. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The scientific papers on climate that received the most media coverage in 2021. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- There was an informal [meeting](#) of energy and environment ministers. ([Euractiv](#), [IndustriAll](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Europe needs tougher rules and financial sanctions to ensure that every country reduces its greenhouse gas emissions, said a leading MEP. ([Euractiv](#))
- Poland seeks allies against Fit for 55 ([Euractiv](#))
- MEPs criticise the plan for a 'CBAM reserve' in the reform of the EU carbon market. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [briefing](#) on CBAM.
- How can CBAM be made effective and fair? ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- There is a huge bubble in the price of carbon - and yet it will not reduce emissions any faster. ([The Conversation](#))
- Gas crisis: time to factor in volatility and externalities to reveal true cost ([EnergyPost](#))
- Under what conditions can hydrogen serve climate neutrality? ([IDDRI](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the review of the Energy Tax Directive.

- The two lawmakers in charge of drafting the European Parliament's position on the EU's new social climate fund have gone a step further than the European Commission's original proposal by drafting a definition of both energy and transport poverty. (Euractiv)
- In a special report, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) asks for clarification on the contributions from EU funds to energy efficiency in businesses. (Euractiv)
- The recast of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) provides an opportunity to create a robust regulatory framework that will accelerate energy savings. A new report.
- The EU will meet its renewable energy targets in the year 2020. The bar is too low to meet climate targets, says CAN Europe.
- A new report by BPIE shows that decarbonisation of new buildings in the EU is too slow and inconsistent. (EnergyPost, Euractiv)
- New research shows strong support in Europe for energy efficient homes. (ECF)
- The planned EU emissions trading scheme for the buildings and transport sectors (ETS 2) can only be a supplementary instrument for climate action and so far lacks clear regulations on socially acceptable compensation. (CAN Europe)
- How can ecological policies be prevented from having negative social impacts? Make the related services (partly) free of charge. (Milena Büchs)
- International brands such as Coca Cola and PepsiCo have called for a global pact to combat plastic pollution, which includes reducing plastic production. (Euractiv, WWF, Ellen MacArthur Foundation)
- The new Circularity Gap Report 2022.
- A forward-looking study of the circular economy and its impact on occupational safety and health.
- An article providing an overview of the main current approaches and strategic proposals for an efficient circular economy of materials.
- An article on the development and application of circularity indicators for the electrical and electronic sector.
- 5 ways the circular economy will change your fashion habits. (WEF)
- An article on jobs in the circular economy at city level.
- Public procurement for the circular economy: a comparative study of Sweden and Spain. An article.
- Bioplastics for a circular economy. (Nature)
- What is on the agenda for ECOS in 2022?
- Towards an integrated smart city: a new model for implementation and design challenges. An article.
- To ensure that no EU country is left behind in the transition to electric vehicles, ambitious targets for charging infrastructure must be applied throughout the bloc. (Mathieu Bonnet)
- The FRDO-CFDD published a study and organised a webinar on electric mobility.
- Why connecting truck charging stations to the electricity grid is technically and economically feasible. A new study by Transport & Environment.
- A large majority of people support stricter EU air pollution rules for car manufacturers to make vehicles as clean as possible. (Transport & Environment)
- An interesting project for the 'last mile'. (EuroCities)
- Can e-commerce help save the planet? (UNEP)
- Shopping online: how the Digital Service Act is letting consumers and the environment down (META)
- MEPs approve Digital Services Act with major last minute changes. (Euractiv)
- How the EU can get the carbon price for shipping right. (Transport & Environment)
- MEP proposes to increase EU target for green jet fuel to 100% by 2050. (Euractiv)

- The safe planetary boundary for pollutants, including plastics, has been exceeded, say researchers. (Stockholm Resilience Centre, The Guardian, SEI)
- How is plastic pollution linked to climate change? (WEF)
- Studies show high temperatures and air pollution during pregnancy can cause lifelong health effects. (The Guardian)
- The Commission wants environmental sustainability to be at the heart of EU education and training systems.
- Industrial revolution 5.0 - driven by sustainability. (Payal Bhattar)
- Access to a new EU fund to ensure a just green transition should be made conditional on respect for the rule of law and a commitment to climate neutrality, according to a draft European Parliament report. (Politico)
- What lessons does Covid-19 offer for sustainability? A new briefing from the EEA.
- By investing now to build a green, resilient and inclusive economy, countries can turn the challenges of Covid-19 and climate change into opportunities for a more prosperous and stable future. (WEF)
- Business and finance must work together to chart a path to a successful sustainable transition. (WBCSD)
- Towards a green and sustainable recovery of Covid-19. An article.
- How can we measure progress towards a welfare economy? (Jonathan Barth)
- An article evaluating existing indices of sustainable well-being and proposing improvements.
- Reflections on the role of the courts in tackling climate change. (LSE)
- The role of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in climate disputes. (German Law Journal)
- An article on building sustainable societies through human resource management.
- Three reports on the net-zero transition. (Edie)
- Together with 11 organisations, Eurosif calls on EU policymakers to obtain better sustainability data from companies by 2024.
- Fiscal policies for a sustainable, inclusive and resilient transformation. (E3G)
- The discussion on taxonomy continues. (Edie, Euractiv, Harald Schumann, BusinessGreen, Euractiv, Reuters, E3G, Politico, Montel, Reuters, Bloomberg, Bloomberg, IEEP, Euractiv)
- Deputy finance ministers discussed the idea of using the EU's next seven-year budget, which runs until 2027, to help Europe reduce its use of fossil fuels. (Politico)
- The European Central Bank's vision for green bond standards forgoes inclusiveness. (Karim Henide)
- 10 climate promises the financial system must keep (OMFIF)
- An article on green finance and sustainable development in Europe.
- How to finance the new global economy of clean energy. (Fatih Birol)
- Expanding national parks and protected areas will not be enough to stop the destruction of nature, warn leading scientists, who say urgent action is also needed against overconsumption, harmful subsidies and the climate crisis to halt the loss of biodiversity. (The Guardian, Phys.org)
- Biodiversity is facing its make-or-break year, and research will be key. (Nature)
- Carbon-rich ecosystems are under threat from EU consumption, a new WWF report says.
- Outlook 2022: biodiversity is higher on the agenda. (OMFIF)
- An just transition for European agriculture must be urgently planned and initiated. A new report by IEEP.
- Members of the European Parliament have a unique opportunity to drastically improve the lives of animals during transport. (Tilly Metz and Anja Hazekamp)
- African leaders are being urged to sign a 'green deal' to attract investment in renewable energy. (IHS Markit)
- How the European Green Deal can strengthen the economies of Africa and Europe. (ECFR)

- Study shows that half of the most vulnerable countries have not yet received money to adapt to climate change. (CarbonBrief)
- A new report from CONCORD on approaches to policy coherence for sustainable development in some member states.

Activities

- 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
- 25/01 | Webinar | Financial Accounting in the Circular Economy
- 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
- 26/01 | Online | Energy Poverty, Resource Efficiency & Climate Mitigation
- 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?
- 27/01 | Online | Evolving the financial system: integrating biodiversity into financial risk and regulation
- 27/01 | Online | Workshop on Law in the EU's Circular Energy System: Biowaste, Biofuel and Biogas
- 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?
- 02/02 | Online | An effective Digital Markets Act - What balance will achieve certainty for all stakeholders?
- 03/02 | Online | EU Methane Regulation: How can policymakers raise ambition?
- 08/02 | Online | Circular economy – Is our tax system ready?
- 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
- 10/02 | Online | Gender, diversity and financial inclusion in the financial sector
- 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
- 22/02 | Webinar | Remanufacturing & Circular Economy
- 22-23/02 | Online | NextGenerationEU – Europe's Recovery Plan One Year On
- 23-24/02 | Online | Designing fruitful cooperation for shaping the New European Bauhaus
- 01-02/03 | ? | 2022 Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference

- 17-18/03 | Hybrid | Annual Conference on European Environmental Law 2022
- 22/03 | Online | Second stakeholders workshop - Safe and sustainable by design criteria for chemicals and materials
- 28-29/03 | Connected Fleets Conference
- 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

- 26/01 | Proposal for the Digital Decade Principles
- 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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