



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

- Africa must not be targeted by CBAM, Senegal's president warns. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Commission is working on ambitious plans to crack down on environmental crime. ([Politico](#))
- A [briefing](#) on CBAM and its climate and competitiveness implications.
- Why rising oil prices could lead to a "stranded asset" trap as the energy transition accelerates. A new [report](#) from Carbon Tracker. ([The Guardian](#))
- The role of EU research and innovation investment in delivering the EU's hydrogen strategy. A new [report](#) from the Commission.
- Metals needed for hydrogen production could become scarce, German authority warns. ([Euractiv](#))
- Eight leading European solar energy developers have written to the European Commission and the Council calling for a European strategy for the solar PV value chain by 2022. ([SolarPower Europe](#), [PV Magazine](#))
- District heating: emission reduction policies need to be worked out, says IEA. ([EnergyPost](#))
- Public buildings and new buildings should lead the energy transition. ([Ciarán Cuffe and Jutta Paulus](#))
- Organisational (non-)adoption of legally required energy-saving technologies: Why (not) comply? An [article](#).
- The UK and Switzerland have been accused of undermining the European Union's drive for green investment treaty reforms. ([Climate Home News](#))

- Flexible packaging - a test case for the EU's recycling drive. ([Euractiv](#))
- Greater standardisation of design should be the way forward to make it economically rewarding to recycle light packaging. ([Euractiv](#))
- Simpler design is seen as key to recycling-friendly food packaging. ([Euractiv](#))
- Infrastructure for the circular economy: Why we need track and trace for reusable packaging. An [article](#).
- 5 circular economy business models that offer a competitive advantage. ([WEF](#))
- An [article](#) about 'facades-as-a-service'.
- An [article](#) on circular economy and resilience.
- Towards an effective circular economy on different scales. ([Emma Fromberg](#))
- Those who work for Uber and Deliveroo will be reclassified as workers, unions say. ([Euractiv](#))
- Uber and Deliveroo fail EU self-employment test. ([ETUC](#))
- Increasing urban productivity with MaaS. A new [report](#).
- An alliance of airlines and airports has called for changes to Fit for 55. ([Reuters](#))
- At least 100,000 "ghost flights" could be carried out across Europe this winter due to EU rules on the use of airport slots, according to an analysis by Greenpeace. ([The Guardian](#))
- [Cefic](#) on the bioeconomy.
- EU must resist attempts to water down Digital Markets Act. ([Ursula Pachi](#))
- Commission issues statement on [digital rights and principles](#) for all in the EU. ([Euractiv](#))
- Achieving zero climate emissions by 2050 will require a "fundamental transformation of the global economy", says a [report](#) by McKinsey. ([The Guardian](#))
- The Recovery and Resilience Facility is important, but will not in itself mobilise sufficient green investment. ([Michaela Holl and Claudio Baccianti](#))
- Social economy in Europe: adapt investments to get more funding, says [EESC](#).
- Why a healthy planet is a human right. ([Birdlife](#))
- Nanoplastic pollution was first observed in polar regions, suggesting that the tiny particles are now ubiquitous around the world. ([The Guardian](#))
- No more delays: the Commission must publish new rules for European businesses. ([Richard Gardiner](#))
- New EU reporting rules should tackle big polluters. ([Caroline Avan](#))
- Companies need to measure more than just financial impact to survive in the 21st century, a new report shows. ([Circle Economy](#))
- CEOs are calling on the European Commission to link part of executive pay to the achievement of sustainability targets in the upcoming corporate sustainability package. ([CLG](#))
- What is a climate stress test? ([The Conversation](#))
- EIOPA publishes a [paper](#) on methodological principles for climate risk stress tests for insurance.
- There is a lively debate on how central banks can best manage inflation in relation to climate change during the transition to net-zero emissions. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- The debate on taxonomy continues. The group of experts reacted to the Commission's proposal. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Faustine Delasalle](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Barbara Mariani](#), [WWF](#), [ECOS](#), [PV Magazine](#), [BirdLife](#), [SEI](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [DW](#), [Reuters](#), [Reuters](#), [ECOS](#), [META](#), [Euronews](#))
- There may be another postponement of the COP15 on biodiversity. ([China Daily](#), [SCMP](#))
- The new EU law on nature restoration can contribute to a healthy and resilient ocean. ([WWF](#))
- Research shows that fish growth is slowed by high temperatures and the chemical BPA in plastic. ([The Guardian](#))
- Europe tackles 'greenwashing' and eco-labelling of food. ([META](#))

- European Parliament calls for better protection of animals during transport. ([Euractiv](#))
- Reducing pesticide use requires "coordinated effort", says a French minister. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Coffee, cashew and avocado growers will be "severely affected" by climate change. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- A group of MEPs calls for a different trade policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Africa's climate change diplomacy needs to move up a gear. ([ISS](#))
- Sustainability standards are a powerful tool to protect biodiversity. ([UNCTAD](#))
- EU and African leaders try to restore fragile trust ahead of summit. ([Euractiv](#))

Activities

- 31/01 | Online | [Critical raw materials: an essential building block for the future of Europe](#)
- 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?](#)
- 08/02 | Online | [The EU Banking Reform Package](#)
- 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](#)
- 10/02 | Online | [District Heating under the "Fit for 55" package: challenges and opportunities](#)
- 11/02 | Webinar | [Towards a new partnership between the African Union and the European Union?](#)
- 14-15/02 | Online | [Sustainability Frontiers Conference](#)
- 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](#)
- 18-19/02 | Online | [Climate Change Litigation in Europe: Comparative & Sectoral Perspectives and the Way Forward](#)
- 19/02 | Hybrid | [European Green Deal and Farm to Fork strategy: how innovation can support the transition towards global sustainable food systems](#)
- 21/02 | Online | [Restoring sustainable carbon cycles](#)
- 22/02 | Webinar | [Remanufacturing & Circular Economy](#)
- 22-23/02 | Online | [NextGenerationEU – Europe's Recovery Plan One Year On](#)
- 23/02 | Online | [Instruments for collective renovation of the built environment](#)
- 23-24/02 | Online | [Designing fruitful cooperation for shaping the New European Bauhaus](#)
- 01-02/03 | ? | [2022 Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference](#)
- 04/03 | Hybrid | [A sustainable future for European industry](#)
- 15/03 | Online | [Energy value chain implications for low-carbon industrial transformation](#)
- 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](#)
- 26/04 | Hybrid | [Sustainable Investment Forum Europe 2022 \(1\)](#)
- 04-05/05 | Online | [Sustainable Investment Forum Europe 2022 \(2\)](#)
- 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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