



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

- Forty-four per cent of Europeans think that climate change should be a priority theme at the Conference on the Future of Europe. ([Euractiv](#))
- 2022 in climate diplomacy, an analysis by E3G. ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#))
- Economic losses due to weather and climate-related extremes in Europe have amounted to around half a trillion euros over the past 40 years. A new [report](#) from the EEA. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- The missing element in Europe's energy and climate security policy. ([Ruslan Stefanov and Martin Vladimirov](#))
- New energy statistics 2022 to support the Green Deal. ([Eurostat](#))
- Review of the market stability reserve for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme: "Fit for 55" package. A [briefing](#).
- What does "Fit for 55" mean for local authorities? ([EnergyCities](#))
- A new [report](#) by the European Court of Auditors examines how energy taxes, carbon pricing and energy subsidies fit into the EU's climate goals. ([Euractiv](#))
- The gas crisis brings Europe's coal exit to a halt in 2021. A study. ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU Green Deal versus the fossil gas industry. A new [report](#) from InfluenceMap.
- The European Commission and sustainable development. A new normative power in the making? An [article](#).
- CBAM may pose a new challenge for Ireland after the Brexit. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU carbon market clouded by volatile prices and speculation. ([Euractiv](#))

- Industry denounces lack of transparency in EU approval process for "sustainable biofuels". ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on recycling of photovoltaic panels.
- A [briefing](#) on the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.
- A briefing on the Energy Efficiency Directive and the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. The expected changes for energy storage. ([EASE](#))
- Ensuring the right to affordable clean energy for all Europeans. A [briefing](#) from EPSU and EAPN.
- Green heat is effective and convenient. An analysis from [META](#).
- Dimensioning of electrical energy storage and space requirements for semi-daily autonomy in residential buildings. An [article](#).
- The EU's flawed renewable energy policy leads to widespread habitat destruction. ([BirdLife](#))
- An [article](#) on circular economy and resilience.
- An [article](#) on sustainability in the circular economy, focusing on insights and dynamics of designing circular business models.
- An [article](#) on circular economy indicators for supply chains.
- The EU Sustainable Products Initiative will draw inspiration from the successful Ecodesign Directive and lessons learned from the Batteries Regulation. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU wants to tackle "green claims" with a unified product life cycle methodology. ([Euractiv](#))
- 100 brands, clothing manufacturers and fabric mills are working together to make the way jeans are produced circular. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- A public consultation on sustainable consumption of goods, with a focus on [promoting repair and reuse](#), is currently underway.
- Battery life, and how the EU can protect it from burn-out. ([META](#))
- [Nickel Institute](#) on the EU battery regulation.
- The Ellen MacArthur Foundation and WWF launch [a campaign](#) calling for a legally binding treaty on plastic pollution.
- Safe waste management services for healthcare waste are lacking worldwide, especially in the least developed countries. A [report](#) by WHO.
- The rise of artificial intelligence (AI) and the platform economy has different implications for men and women. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on 'smart' rural areas.
- A circular economy is needed for electric vehicles. ([Nature](#))
- Governments have overestimated projections for car use growth. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- New emission limits expected last year have been postponed again. This puts the health and lives of EU citizens at risk, says [Transport & Environment](#).
- A concerted campaign by lobbyists to save the internal combustion engine and delay the switch to electric vehicles was dealt a blow last month. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Battery-electric cars climb to 9% of sales by 2021, boosted by EU targets. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Does sustainable transport deliver social value? Exploring concepts, methods and effects with case studies. An [article](#).
- Covid crisis confirms need to initiate transition from aviation jobs to green sectors ([Transport & Environment](#))
- ReFuelEU initiative for aviation. Sustainable aviation fuels and the "fit for 55" package. A [briefing](#).
- Airlines and NGOs unite behind the drive for clean aviation fuel in Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Advanced biofuels can replace used cooking oil in aviation, industry says. ([Euractiv](#))

- Airlines demand end to carbon market loopholes and support European climate action. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- How sustainable are Europe's ports? A [report](#) by Transport & Environment.
- The [Commission](#) proposed a new standardisation strategy. ([Euractiv](#), [ECOS](#), [Orgalim](#))
- Digital transformation, the cost of non-Europe. A new [report](#).
- The cryptocurrency consumes more energy than Norway. Countries are considering copying China's ban, but experts disagree on whether a greener version is possible. ([The Guardian](#))
- Data Act's proposed rules for data sharing, cloud switching, interoperability. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The European Green Deal: the future of a polycentric Europe? An [article](#).
- Affordable housing at risk as big investors buy up European homes. ([Euractiv](#))
- Trade unions say workers should not be solely responsible for retraining. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Orgalim](#)'s position on boosting private investment in Europe.
- The national recovery and resilience plans, a latest state of play. A [briefing](#).
- 'Green New Deals' can answer COP26's need for far-reaching decarbonisation. An [article](#).
- An [article](#) on decarbonising economies.
- NGOs express great concern over the upcoming Sustainable Corporate Governance Initiative. ([Finance Watch](#))
- On 2 February, the Commission published the additional delegated act for the taxonomy. Prior reactions: [CAN Europe](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [EnergyCities](#), [Euronews](#), [Energy Connects](#), [E3G](#), [Reuters](#). [Commission text](#). Post-publication comments: [Climate Home News](#), [Euronews](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [DW](#), [Reuters](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [The Guardian](#), [E3G](#), [Chloé Mikolajczak et al.](#), [Politico](#), [Edie](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Reclaim Finance](#), [WWF](#), [ESG Today](#), [ESG Clarity](#), [PV Magazine](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [ClientEarth](#), [IEEP](#), [Ecopreneur](#).
- An [article](#) on green mortgages, EU taxonomy and environmentally risk-adjusted assets.
- An adequate policy environment is needed to reap the benefits of digitisation, concluded an ILO technical meeting on the impact of [digitisation in the financial sector](#).
- Sustainability-linked bonuses may soon be a reality in EU companies. ([Euractiv](#))
- A European climate fund or a green golden rule: not as different as they seem. ([Bruegel](#))
- High quality green and blue spaces in cities, such as parks, allotments, riverbanks and coastlines, are crucial for health and well-being. A new [report](#) from the EEA.
- Extreme heat in the world's oceans passed the "point of no return" in 2014 and has become the new normal, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has released a report on the state of finance for nature. ([IISD](#))
- Greenpeace made an [analysis](#) of the EU Commission's proposed law against deforestation.
- WBCSD and WWF [join forces](#) to accelerate corporate action on nature, focusing on deforestation and overfishing.
- Indigenous peoples are crucial to tackling biodiversity loss. ([Mark Hillsdon](#))
- MEPs are still "far away" from an agreement on merging forestry and agriculture in LULUCF. ([Euractiv](#))
- Does renewable energy threaten efforts to preserve terrestrial biodiversity? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- At the World Conference of Agriculture Ministers, a total of 68 countries agreed to contribute to climate protection and the preservation of biodiversity by protecting agricultural soils. ([Euractiv](#))
- CAP plans are unlikely to be adopted before September, it said. ([Euractiv](#))
- A new vision text from Agroecology Europe. ([Arc2020](#))
- The geopolitics of African renewable energy. A [new report](#) from ECDPM.

Activities

- 08/02 | Online | [Circular economy – Is our tax system ready?](#)
- 08/02 | Online | [The EU Banking Reform Package](#)
- 08/02 | Online | [The Future of European Energy: A Conversation with EU Energy Commissioner Kadri Simson](#)
- 08/02 | Online | [Climate change and weaponisation of natural resources](#)
- 09/02 | Online | [Green steel: CBAM and ETS - do their current designs aid EU climate ambitions?](#)
- 09/02 | Online | [Realising the solar potential in Europe on the ground](#)
- 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](#)
- 10/02 | Webinar | [Co-Building an Inclusive Green Deal](#)
- 11/02 | Webinar | [Towards a new partnership between the African Union and the European Union?](#)
- 14-15/02 | Online | [Sustainability Frontiers Conference](#)
- 15/02 | Online | [What does a just and inclusive Green Transition look like?](#)
- 16/02 | Online | [State of the EGD: two years after](#)
- 16/02 | Online | [EU-African Union Summit: making the most of the European Green Deal and Global Gateway](#)
- 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](#)
- 22/02 | Webinar | [Greening ICT: What can EU do?](#)
- 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

- 08/02 | European Chips Act
- 23/02 | Data Act (incl. Review of the Database Directive) | Just and sustainable economy package: - Communication on decent work worldwide / - Sustainable corporate governance
- 02/03 | Communication on energy
- 23/03 | Nature protection package: - Sustainable use of pesticides – revision of the EU rules / - Protecting biodiversity: nature restoration targets
- 30/03 | Circular economy package : - 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
- 03/05 | International partnerships and energy package: - New strategy on international energy engagement / - Joint Communication on a partnership with the Gulf
- 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 | Development of post-Euro 6/VI emission standards for cars, vans, lorries and buses

This briefing has been compiled by the FRDO-CFDD secretariat. The selection does not bind the members of the FRDO-CFDD in any way.

[ARCHIVE BRIEFING European Green Deal](#)