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- 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

- Robust national climate governance can create the conditions for national leadership in achieving the EU's climate neutrality and rule of law objectives. ([E3G](#))
- Three key areas of Europe's climate diplomacy. ([ECFR](#))
- Europe's environmental taxes are in decline, despite potentially crucial role. A new [briefing](#) from the EEA.
- A briefing on the free allowances in the ETS system granted to most energy-intensive industries. ([E3G](#))
- A briefing on ETS revenues. ([Sandbag](#))
- The Commission's proposed regulation to reduce methane emissions should be stricter on imported fossil fuels and address greenhouse gas emissions outside Europe. ([Euractiv](#))
- Foreign ministers discuss energy and climate on 21 February. ([CAN Europe](#))
- The Commission launched a [public consultation](#) on the EU Solar Energy Strategy.
- Socio-economic benefits in community energy groups. An [article](#).
- For a fair and equitable transition, the EU should pass on part of the carbon price for cars and houses to fuel suppliers rather than to European households. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Canfin: Battery regulation should enter into force 'six months earlier'. ([Euractiv](#))
- The European Parliament's Environment Committee has overwhelmingly adopted an ambitious report on the European battery regulation. ([META](#))

- New rules to support the battery industry in Europe come under fire in the Council. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- A [podcast](#) about the 'right to repair'.
- Circular business models and smarter design can reduce the environmental and climate impact of textiles. A new [report](#) from the EEA.
- How to build a circular business model that works. ([WEF](#))
- 14 Notable benefits of the circular economy model. ([Medium](#))
- Dutch financial sector launches new roadmap to drive circular economy. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Brussels to tackle hazardous chemicals in EU green products initiative. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [briefing](#) on CO₂ emission standards for new cars and vans.
- Will there be enough metals to support the electric car revolution? ([Julia Poliscanova](#))
- Europe needs smart charging for all electric vehicles now. ([Jaap Burger and Julia Hildermeier](#))
- Commission wants to decarbonise transport by taxing fossil fuels and biofuels equally. ([Euractiv](#))
- Cheap flights distort the EU transport market. ([Jutta Paulus](#))
- The proposed EU mandate for green aviation fuel risks encouraging fraud, warns an MEP. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [briefing](#) on inland waterway transport in the EU.
- Open letter to the EU Commission on green claims. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- The Commission presented a "[chips package](#)". ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Agoria](#))
- Commission considers new civil liability rules for the digital age and artificial intelligence. ([Norton Rose Fulbright](#))
- The Commission presented a [transition path](#) for a resilient, green and digital tourism ecosystem.
- The EU chemical industry embarks on a Green Deal transition path at a defining moment for the sector. ([CEFIC](#))
- [Sieps](#) on the industrial strategy.
- Protectionism is a dead end for Europe, climate neutrality is the key. ([Sandra Parthie](#))
- Guidance note on climate change, jobs and equitable transition. ([IOE](#))
- ESMA prioritises the fight against [greenwashing](#) in its new roadmap for sustainable finance.
- Regulating green claims and greenwashing by companies - policy recommendations. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- More companies call climate change a 'material issue' as stress tests gain popularity. ([S&P Global](#))
- [Insurance Europe](#) on the proposed Sustainability Reporting Directive.
- Business coalition calls for robust human rights due diligence laws. ([Euractiv](#), [ESG Investor](#), [Duurzaam Ondernemen](#))
- Comments are still forthcoming on the Commission's taxonomy proposal. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Edie](#), [Global Solar Council](#), [IPE](#))
- [Insurance Europe](#) on the proposal for an EU standard for green bonds.
- Restoring nature can remove huge amounts of EU emissions. A new study. ([WWF](#), [IEEP](#))
- Nature is climbing the agenda, but corporate commitments to biodiversity remain rare ([S&P Global](#))
- What are nature-based solutions and how can we finance them? ([WEF](#))
- Commission and Council want to include organic farming in revised EU agriculture statistics. ([Euractiv](#))
- Unlock the true green potential of carbon farming and avoid greenwashing, says [EEB](#).
- Robust and coherent soil protection by 2050. ([IEEP](#))

- Richest 20 countries urged to lead the way in nature conservation with more funding. ([Reuters](#))
- A number of NGOs' views on the proposed EU Regulation on deforestation-free products. ([CAN Europe](#))
- The [Commission](#) takes legal action against 15 Member States to step up prevention and management of invasive alien species.
- Commission proposes EU binding reduction targets for pesticides. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Lawmakers, stakeholders consider the impact of EU green targets on food production. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Slow Food](#) on Farm to Fork.
- The European Commission's vision of carbon farming is insufficient to achieve the Green Deal objectives. ([ECVC](#))
- EU agrees on new rules for faster approval and authorisation of biopesticides. ([Euractiv](#))
- Arc2020 on the Commission's [pesticide proposals](#).
- Exploring the nexus of climate change-conflict-mobility. A [report](#) by IOM.
- Green transformation in Africa-Europe relations: linking energy and adaptation to economic transformation. A new [study](#).
- Towards a green, just and equitable EU-Africa partnership. ([WWF](#))
- Carbon footprint gap between rich and poor widens, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))

Activities

- 14-15/02 | Online | [Sustainability Frontiers Conference](#)
- 15/02 | Online | [What does a just and inclusive Green Transition look like?](#)
- 15/02 | Webinar | [Practical approaches to applying the EU Taxonomy to bank lending](#)
- 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?](#)
- 17/02 | Online | [Biodiversity Restoration, a Unique Source of Opportunities](#)
- 17/02 | Hybrid | [Working conditions in the platform economy](#)
- 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?](#)
- 22/02 | Online | [Enhancing the Sustainability of Data Centres – what can the Fit-for-55 Package do?](#)
- 22-23/02 | Online | [NextGenerationEU – Europe's Recovery Plan One Year On](#)
- 23/02 | Online | [Instruments for collective renovation of the built environment](#)
- 23/02 | Online | [The implications of the EU's gas package for climate, the internal market and international trade](#)
- 23-24/02 | Online | [Designing fruitful cooperation for shaping the New European Bauhaus](#)
- 01-02/03 | ? | [2022 Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference](#)

- 02/03 | Online | [Are climate change adaptation, mitigation and biodiversity conservation in European forests two sides of the same coin?](#)
- 04/03 | Hybrid | [A sustainable future for European industry](#)
- 07/03 | Online | [Challenges and perspectives of a just transition in Europe](#)
- 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](#)
- 24/03 | Online | [Biodiversity and Financial Stability: action by central banks and supervisors](#)
- 24/03 | Online | [Let's talk about....biodiversity](#)
- 28-29/03 | [Connected Fleets Conference](#)
- 31/03 | [SolarPower Summit](#)
- 31/03-01/04 | Hybrid | [Climate Change and the Rule of Law 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

- 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](#)
- 27/07 | Proposal on implementation of the OECD global agreement on re-allocation of taxing rights

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