



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

- Broad support for EU social climate fund in European Parliament ([Euractiv](#))
- A joint call to action for a regional CO₂ infrastructure strategy in the Netherlands, Belgium and North Rhine-Westphalia. ([Bellona](#))
- Poland calls on EU to ban "speculators" from its carbon market. ([Euractiv](#))
- With low CO₂ prices and generous free pollution permits under the current emissions trading scheme, European industry has lost a precious decade to decarbonise. ([META](#))
- Reform of the EU ETS - Policy proposals for the European Parliament. ([Sandbag](#))
- Lead EU lawmaker proposes carbon market rules in response to price spikes. ([Euractiv](#))
- Steel industry worries about CBAM. ([Euractiv](#))
- The wise choice is to accelerate the energy transition. ([Teresa Ribera](#))
- Flexibility of the electricity grid is vital to avoid "blackouts", says EU's Sefcovic. ([Euractiv](#))
- A Europe-wide "supergrid" could cut almost a third of energy costs, according to a [new study](#).
- A new [study](#) on the importance of local energy communities.
- 19 companies lead Europe's heating sector from fossil gas. ([EEB](#))
- Oil companies' climate claims are greenwashing, concludes a study. ([The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Key legislator proposes radical revision of EU Renewable Energy Directive. ([Euractiv](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- Spain calls on EU to approve renewable energy contracts for industry. ([Euractiv](#))

- An [article](#) on trends in renewable electricity generation in the G20 countries: An analysis of the period 1990-2020.
- A green recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic could create an additional 2.2 million jobs in key developing economies, a report shows. ([GWEC](#), [Renews](#))
- Preparing tomorrow's buildings today: opportunities for energy efficiency. ([E3G](#))
- Green buildings can reduce the temperature in cities by up to 2°C, research shows. ([WEF](#))
- [Glass for Europe](#) on 'fit for 55'.
- The new European Bauhaus - bringing design to the green transition. ([Ciáran Cuffe](#))
- High recycling rate of PET bottles questioned in new study. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on measuring the value of Blockchain traceability to support LCA for textile products.
- An [article](#) on First Mile/Last Mile problems in smart and sustainable cities.
- An [article](#) on models to support the design of mobility as a service (MaaS).
- The publication of a new EU proposal with emission standards for cars has been postponed again, with a date now set for July 2022. ([Anna Krajinska](#))
- Why the future of long-haul freight transport is electric. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- [Transport & Environment](#) on the revision of the EU's CO₂ standards for trucks.
- Review of the Eurovignette directive. A [briefing](#).
- EU approves new toll rules as turning point for green truck transport. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Recommendations for the revision of plug-in hybrid WLTP usage factors. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- European Commission expands interrail tickets in 2022. ([Euractiv](#))
- How can the introduction of sustainable fuels be encouraged in European shipping? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- 10 myths about planning people-friendly cities. ([TUMI](#))
- A [report](#) on the harmonisation of EU environmental legislation.
- Stories of sustainable transitions: An analysis of the literature using topic modelling. An [article](#).
- There is new evidence that Covid-19 is aggravated by air pollution. ([Euractiv](#))
- Emissions from road traffic and domestic heating cause EU air quality standards to be exceeded across Europe. ([EEA](#))
- Study shows that the world spends \$1.8 trillion a year on environmentally harmful subsidies. ([The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [BTeam](#))
- Governments consider new global treaty on plastics and sustainable development. ([Claire Arkin](#))
- Air pollution may affect sperm quality, study finds. ([The Guardian](#))
- With the benefits of modern life at an all-time high, why are we all so anxious? ([Achim Steiner](#))
- What is the state of play of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan? ([EP Briefing](#))
- European business and trade union leaders need to work together to promote sustainable international supply chains. ([Petra Bolster-Damen](#), [Piet Fortuin](#) and [Ingrid Thijssen](#))
- 84% of business leaders say stakeholders have a greater expectation that companies will pursue ESG-driven growth, but 43% say boards are not sufficiently committed to integrating ESG factors. ([EY](#))
- Addressing Europe's economic, environmental and social challenges will require reforms and significant public and private investment. ([Finance Watch](#))
- A new report by [IEEP](#) on green and fair taxation in the EU.
- Europe's biggest banks provide £24bn to oil and gas companies despite pledges of 'net zero'. ([The Guardian](#))

- Financial institutions call on governments to align financial flows with global biodiversity goals. ([Finance for Biodiversity](#))
- One Ocean Summit: States pledge €4 billion to fight marine plastic pollution. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Commission](#), [Charles Michel](#), [Edie](#))
- Towards deforestation-free commodities and products in the EU. A [briefing](#).
- Civil society statement on the EU deforestation law. ([WWF](#))
- 5 principles for working with communities on forest restoration. ([WEF](#))
- European fishing industry battles conservationists over bottom trawling. ([The Guardian](#))
- A new study on the opportunities and constraints for carbon farming. ([IIEEP](#))
- On 17-18 February the [EU-AU Summit](#) took place. ([Euractiv](#), [Geert Laporte](#), [Chiara Martinelli](#), [Sixbert Mwanga](#) and [Fatima Ahouli](#), [Germanwatch](#), [Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [ETTG](#), [Briefing EP](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Michaël Tanchum](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Johan van den Berg](#), [AEFJN/CGLTE-OA/CICODEV/COPAGEN/ESAF/FoE-Africa/RWA](#), [Vera Songwe](#), [Ursula von der Leyen](#), [Charles Michel](#), [Eric Njuguna](#) and [Maya Ozbayoglu](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The FRDO-CFDD organised a [webinar](#) on the EU-AU Summit.
- Eradicating extreme poverty would increase global emissions by less than 1%. ([CarbonBrief](#))

Activities

- 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](#)
- 21/02 | Online | [Supply chains and the case of reshoring](#)
- 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](#)
- 23/02 | Webinar | [Climate change, the cost of capital and the looming debt crisis in the global South](#)
- 23-24/02 | Online | [Designing fruitful cooperation for shaping the New European Bauhaus](#)
- 24/02 | Online | [Solar solutions to tackle high energy prices](#)
- 25/02 | Online | [Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Obstructing a just energy transition](#)
- 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?](#)
- 02/03 | Hybrid | [Towards a renewal of the European solar photovoltaic industry](#)
- 02/03 | Webinar | [Implementing 3 pillars of UNGP – EU HREDD in Global Value Chains](#)
- 04/03 | Hybrid | [A sustainable future for European industry](#)
- 07/03 | Online | [Challenges and perspectives of a just transition in Europe](#)
- 14/03 | Hybrid | [Addressing transport poverty: the key to a socially balanced green transformation](#)
- 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](#)
- 07/04 | Online | [Demonstrating the Circular Economy in Plastic Multimaterials](#)
- 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](#)
- 09-12/06 | [The New European Bauhaus Festival](#)
- 11-13/10 | [SBE22Delft Conference: Preparing for the European Renovation Wave](#)

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](#) | [Food communication \(tbc\)](#)
- 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 / - 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 / - Proposal for a Regulation on substantiating environmental claims using the Product/ Organisation Environmental Footprint methods (green claims) | [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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