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

- Carbon removal: the secret to net zero emissions. (Euractiv)
- Europe wants to expand infrastructure for permanent carbon removal. (Euractiv)
- Researcher: Carbon removal technologies 'need to be scaled up quickly'. (Euractiv)
- What would net zero in 2050 mean for young people's emissions footprint compared to their parents'? (IEA)
- Is China delivering on its climate change and energy transition promises? (CarbonBrief)
- Leaked document: Energy prices will remain "high and volatile until at least 2023", says EU Commission (Euractiv)
- ETUI on Fit for 55.
- The ministers of foreign affairs spoke about climate diplomacy. (CAN Europe)
- How Europe can rapidly reduce its dependence on gas. (Jan Rosenow and Michaela Holl)
- European Parliament demands faster introduction of offshore renewable energy. (Euractiv)
- An article exploring the institutional and socio-economic conditions for the development of energy communities in Europe.
- Experts sound the alarm about the rise of blue hydrogen in the oil sector. (Climate Home News)
- Leaked document: Commission bets on biogas to protect EU farmers from energy crisis. (Euractiv)
- Joint civil society statement on the revision of the EU directive on industrial emissions and the regulation on the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register. (CAN Europe)

- Methane emissions from the energy sector are 70% higher than official figures. (IEA, The Guardian)
- Fit for 55. Review of the Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) Regulation. A briefing.
- Complicated and slow permitting procedures slow down wind energy deployment in Europe. (Euractiv, ReNews, Wind Europe)
- EU leads the way in PV technology innovation, plans 100GW of solar power generation capacity by 2030. (PV Magazine)
- Renewable heat for all - A manifesto. (CAN Europe, CAN Europe, META)
- Preparing tomorrow's buildings today: transition heating and cooling. (E3G)
- Valuation of energy efficiency measures for on-bill schemes. A report by BPIE.
- What the Chips Act doesn't say: The environmental challenge of semiconductor manufacturing. (Euractiv)
- PFAS: The toxic ingredient in chips that won't go away. (Euractiv)
- Critical minerals and materials: supply bottlenecks and risks require international cooperation. (EnergyPost)
- The year of truth for EU climate action - six policy trends to keep an eye on in 2022. (ECOS)
- France wants to speed up adoption of battery regulation. (Euractiv)
- The new European battery academy has been launched to improve skills for Europe's fast-growing battery ecosystem.
- 3 ways the circular economy is vital to the energy transition. (WEF)
- An article on circular carpet design.
- Will the EU stop overproduction in fashion? (META)
- Ideas for a circular economy of toys.
- MEPs call for updating of "outdated" EU Toy Safety Directive. (Euractiv)
- An article providing a systematic literature review of Blockchain-based traceability implementations in the supply chain.
- World leaders meet in Nairobi next week to discuss first global treaty to combat plastic waste. (UNEP, The Guardian)
- Plastic and a circular economy do not go together, says the Plastic Soup Foundation.
- No major European city is fully on track to switch its citizens to more climate-friendly forms of transport by 2030. (Clean Cities Campaign)
- The energy efficiency of charging electric vehicles with renewable electricity should be rewarded in the EU's Renewable Energy Directive. (Transport & Environment)
- An electric vehicle fleet is just the beginning of the corporate mobility revolution. (EY)
- A new impetus for transport and tourism in the EU after Covid-19. Public transport. A briefing.
- Transport trends in national recovery and resilience plans. A briefing.
- Rail and air links: what are the implications of a ban on short-haul flights? (Railway Technology)
- Hot summer temperatures drive up the number of people suffering mental health emergencies, a recent study has found. (The Guardian)
- Citizens demand EU accountability for ecological transition and public education. (Euractiv)
- Institut Montaigne on the 'Global Gateway'.
- Data Act. Commission proposes measures for a fair and innovative data economy. (Euractiv, IAPP, Computer Weekly)
- How can we apply the lessons of Covid-19 to the climate crisis? (Andrew Norton)
- Women lag behind men in green jobs of the future, LinkedIn report shows (Euronews)
- An article on the ecological planning of manufacturing process chains.
- The Commission presents an updated in-depth review of Europe's strategic dependencies.

- Greening Europe's recovery after Civid-19. A report by Bruegel.
- Building momentum for a strong recovery and sustainable transformation. (LSE)
- The Commission presented its long-awaited proposal for sustainable corporate governance. Comments prior to publication: Euractiv, Euractiv, Social Europe, Nasdaq, S&P Global, E3G. The Commission's proposal. Post-publication comments: Euractiv, WWF, Finance Watch, FoEE, ECCJ, Oxfam, Business Europe, ACCA, Caobisco, ETUC, ShareAction, SMEunited, EyesonESG, Solidaridad, Accountancy Europe, Euronews, Economy for the Common Good, ESG Investor, Frank Bold, Investor Alliance for Human Rights, EFFAT.
- Commission outlines strategy to promote decent work worldwide and prepares instrument to ban forced labour products. (ETUC, ILO)
- Council adopts its position on the corporate sustainability reporting directive (CSRD).
- Taxation is a crucial part of the ESG conversation. (William Morris and Edwin Visser, PWC)
- The sustainable enterprise: a new approach to corporate governance. (ETUI)
- Eurosif's position on the EU green bond standard.
- A briefing on taxonomy.
- What is the banking sector saying about climate change? An article.
- More clarity is needed on the biodiversity framework. (ESG Clarity)
- An article on ecosystem services and urban planning.
- New EU forestry strategy for 2030. A briefing.
- Forest fires are likely to increase by a third by 2050, UN warns. (The Guardian, UNEP, UNEP Frontiers 2022)
- EU wants to reward farmers and foresters for carbon removal by nature. (Euractiv)
- Member states are divided over the details of a proposal to prevent imports into Europe linked to deforestation. (Euractiv)
- EU watchdog warns Commission on fairness and transparency of CAP reform. (Euractiv)
- National strategic plans CAP will fail European Green Deal environmental and climate targets, NGO assessment shows. (EEB, Birdlife)
- The EU-AU Summit took place on 17 and 18 February. (Euractiv, Paul Kagame and Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv, Eleonora Moro, Euractiv, E3G)
- Climate targets are unachievable without a financial agreement for developing countries. (Rainer Quitzow)
- US wants to delete "losses and damages" from scientific report on climate impacts. (Climate Home News)

Activities

- 28/02 | Online | 'The EU Sustainable Products Policy Framework: Changing the Game or Missing the Point?'
- 01/03 | Online | The recognition of ecocide in the European directive on crimes against the environment.
- 01-02/03 | Online | 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
- 02/03 | Online | A Feminist European Green Deal – Towards an ecological and gender just transition
- 03/03 | Online | Constructive carbon trading: Shaping the design of the ETS for buildings
- 04/03 | Hybrid | A sustainable future for European industry
- 07/03 | Online | Challenges and perspectives of a just transition in Europe

- 07/03 | Online | [Affordable housing crisis in the EU: why and how should Europe act?](#)
- 14/03 | Hybrid | [Addressing transport poverty: the key to a socially balanced green transformation](#)
- 14/03 | Online | [Competition Policy and Social Sustainability](#)
- 15/03 | Online | [Energy value chain implications for low-carbon industrial transformation](#)
- 16/03 | Webinar | [An Equitable and Sustainable Ocean Economy: The role of finance in mitigating risk and building resilience](#)
- 17/03 | Webinar | [Powering the future of public transport](#)
- 17/03 | Online | [Closing the loop: Maximising the circular economy's potential for the transition to climate-neutral industry](#)
- 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](#)
- 24/03 | Online | [Sustainable access to primary & secondary raw materials](#)
- 28-29/03 | [Connected Fleets Conference](#)
- 30-31/03 | Webinar | [Workers leading the way - Rights and perspectives in the green and digital transitions](#)
- 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)](#)
- 16-20/05 | [European Vocational Skills Week](#)
- 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

- 02/03 | Joint European Action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy |
- 2023 Fiscal policy guidance | A future-proof European Growth Model: towards a green, digital and resilient economy
- 23/03 | Nature protection package: - Sustainable use of pesticides – revision of the EU rules / - Protecting biodiversity: nature restoration targets | Affordable food and fair farm income: reinforcing the resilience of the EU food system
- 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 transitition
- 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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