



## 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

- Man-made climate change is causing dangerous and widespread disruptions to nature and is affecting the lives of billions of people around the world, despite efforts to reduce the risks. People and ecosystems that are least resilient will be hit hardest, say scientists in the [IPCC's latest report](#). (Report) ([The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Greenpeace](#), [BirdLife](#), [ClientEarth](#), [HBS](#), [WWF](#), [Climate Home News](#), [SEI](#), [Reuters](#), [AWF](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [ESG Clarity](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- From 28 February to 2 March, the [United Nations Environment Assembly](#) (UNEA) took place in Nairobi. ([UNEP](#), [IISD ENB](#)) Among other things, an agreement was reached on a global convention against plastic pollution. ([UNEP](#), [UNEP](#), [The Guardian](#), [Reuters](#), [WWF](#), [BusinessGreen](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Euronews](#), [META](#))
- What does Russia's invasion of Ukraine mean for energy and climate change? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- How Europe can significantly reduce natural gas imports from Russia within a year. ([IEA](#), [Euractiv](#), [ReNews.Biz](#))
- A massive expansion of domestic renewable energy will stop wars, not just climate change. ([Hans-Josef Fell](#))
- The case for green strategic autonomy. ([ECFR](#))
- Concerns about Russian supplies underline the need to accelerate Europe's transition to renewables. ([ESG Investor](#))
- Comments from [EEB](#), [CAN Europe](#), [E3G](#), [Transport & Environment](#) on the war in Ukraine.

- MEPs need to support an unprecedented acceleration of the energy transition. ([CAN Europe](#))
- [Transport & Environment](#) on oil imports from Russia.
- [Energy ministers](#) met on Monday 28 February. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Simson](#))
- The Commission is working on a plan to dump Russian gas. ([Euractiv](#))
- The question of how society responds to climate change is not well represented in climate and energy models. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The EU should tell countries to tax extraordinary profits of energy companies to raise money for green investments. ([Euractiv](#))
- Big oil profits must support green transition in Europe ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Transport & Environment and BEUC call on Commission to require hydrogen targets to be linked to additional renewable electricity to avoid rising electricity prices. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Risky geo-engineering technologies will not reverse climate decline. ([Linda Schneider](#))
- A joint [statement](#) on the use of high-efficiency combined heat and power (CHP) by industrial operators.
- A [letter](#) from the Electrification Alliance on a strategy for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy.
- How the sale of heat pumps is starting to take off worldwide. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The huge amounts of land needed for crop-based biofuels make them more harmful to the climate than fossil fuels. This is shown in a new study. ([Euractiv](#))
- [EEB](#) on the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED III).
- If the renovation of buildings fails, the pricing mechanism of the EU ETS must change. ([Sebastian Osorio](#), [Michael Pahle](#) and [Oliver Ruhnau](#))
- An open letter to EU Housing Ministers: Only deep energy renovation will help the most vulnerable. ([Renovate Europe](#))
- A new EU regulatory framework for batteries. A [briefing](#).
- The end-of-life phase of PV modules from a circular economy perspective ([CE Center](#))
- EU lawmakers need to speed up adoption of circular economy package. ([Euractiv](#))
- Extending the life cycle of electrical and electronic appliances. An [article](#).
- Repairing stuff by citizens in the circular economy. An [article](#).
- Why the announced EU textile strategy lacks ambition. ([Fashion Revolution](#))
- An [article](#) about 'slow fashion' and consumer behaviour.
- Autonomous transport is the key to the future of the mobility industry. ([Intelligent Transport](#))
- Fit for 55: review of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme in relation to aviation. A [briefing](#).
- Storytelling as a teaching tool in sustainable education. An [article](#).
- EU increases protection of workers from carcinogens. ([Euractiv](#))
- The importance of a natural social contract and co-evolutionary governance for sustainability transitions. An [article](#).
- EU bans toxic bulbs in the home but continues global exports. ([EEB](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the Eighth Environmental Action Programme.
- [CEPS](#) on the 'Data Act'.
- Towards a green, digital and resilient economy. A new [Communication](#) from the Commission.
- The [report](#) of the High-Level Group convened by Commissioner Gentiloni on economic and social challenges post-Covid-19.
- EU Commission urges member states to increase investment. ([Euractiv](#))
- Only 6% of G20 spending on post-pandemic economic recovery was "green", analysis shows. ([The Guardian](#))

- [NextGenerationEU](#): First annual report on the recovery and resilience facility finds implementation well under way.
- Urban areas in the post-Covid-19 era: challenges and future pathways. A [briefing](#).
- Joint statement by French and German NGOs on the reform of EU fiscal rules. ([GermanWatch](#))
- Compliance or non-compliance, companies ask after proposal of due diligence law. ([Euractiv](#))
- [BEUC](#), [ACCA](#), [CSR Europe](#), [GRI](#), [Shift](#), [IISD](#), [ICAEW](#), [PRI](#) on the Commission's due diligence proposal.
- Multi-stakeholder letter calling for the extension of the scope of the EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability Reporting. ([Finance Watch](#))
- EU taxonomy in limbo - Alignment of reporting under Articles 8 and 9. ([Sustainalytics](#))
- The [Platform on Sustainable Finance](#) published the [report on the social taxonomy](#). ([ESG Today](#), [ESG Investor](#), [ShareAction](#), [Linklaters](#), [CSR Europe](#))
- [EBA](#) on proposed EU standard for green bonds.
- Environmental groups call on rich countries to increase funding for biodiversity conservation in developing countries to offset the damage of international trade. ([Reuters](#), [BusinessGreen](#), [Thomson Reuters](#), [EuroNews](#))
- Actions to halt biodiversity loss generally benefit the climate. An [article](#).
- Climate change is changing biodiversity as we know it. ([WEF](#))
- Expanding the European financial package and leadership on biodiversity for development. ([IDDRI](#))
- EUR 50 million for the new Pandemic Prevention Trust Fund under Nature for Health. ([UNEP](#))
- Leaked document: 70% of drained peatlands in EU to be restored by 2050, says Commission. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU to review Green Deal targets in agriculture to ensure food security. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission considers a new communication on the impact of the energy crisis on the agricultural sector. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission's draft regulation on pesticides falls short, says [EEB](#).
- [IEEP](#), [ETTG](#) on EU-AU Summit.
- An energy system centred on renewable energy can help solve many of Africa's social, economic, health and environmental problems. ([IRENA](#))
- Policy makers need to put energy and climate policies at the heart of a new EU-Africa partnership, write [Kandeh Yumkella and Connie Hedegaard](#).

## Activities

- 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](#)
- 15/03 | Online | [ICT sector's carbon footprint challenge](#)
- 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](#)
- 17/03 | Online | [The EU Energy Transition: What do vulnerable people think?](#)
- 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](#)
- 29/03 | Online | [Towards an EU solar energy strategy](#)
- 29/03 | Online | [Getting Fit for 55 and beyond – Urban transformation for climate neutral cities – what does it take?](#)
- 30-31/03 | Webinar | [Workers leading the way - Rights and perspectives in the green and digital transitions](#)
- 31/03 | [SolarPower Summit](#)
- 31/03 | Webinar | [Webinar EU Taxonomy](#)
- 31/03-01/04 | Hybrid | [Climate Change and the Rule of Law Conference](#)
- 05/04 | Hybrid | [RenOnBill final conference](#)
- 06-08/04 | Online | [Transport Innovation Online Summit 2022](#)
- 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](#)
- 10-12/10 | [The European SDG Summit](#)
- 11-13/10 | [SBE22Delft Conference: Preparing for the European Renovation Wave](#)
- 09-10/11 | Hybrid | [Transport Innovation Summit 2022](#)

### Commission documents

- 08/03 | Joint European Action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy
- 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 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 (tbc)
- 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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