



## 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

- Reactions to the new IPCC climate report are still coming. ([The Guardian](#), [Alexandre Magnan](#), [Solidar](#), [SEI](#), [Stockholm Resilience Centre](#))
- Six key lifestyle changes could help avert climate crisis, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Carbon emissions are 60% higher than in 1990, when the first IPCC report was published. This is a symptom of a highly unsustainable political economy. ([Isak Stoddard and Kevin Anderson](#))
- The Commission published a plan to accelerate the energy transition and reduce dependence on Russian energy. Comment in advance: [META](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [EnergyMonitor](#). The Commission's plan [REPowerEU](#). Reactions afterwards: [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [ReCharge](#), [BusinessGreen](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Eurelectric](#), [PV Magazine](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Global Witness](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euronews](#). Heads of state and government discussed these proposals at an [informal meeting](#) on 10 and 11 March. ([Euractiv](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- [Frans Timmermans](#) on the war in Ukraine and the consequences for the EU's climate and energy policy in the ENVI Committee.
- How Putin made the Green Deal great again. ([Politico](#))
- [CLG](#) and [We Mean Business Coalition](#) call for an acceleration of the green energy transition.
- Russia's war in Ukraine: Why doubling down on the Green Deal is the best strategy. ([Think Sustainable Europe](#))
- How can Europe reduce its dependence on fossil gas? ([Marta Lovisolo](#))

- Europe's dependence on Russian oil earns Putin \$285 million a day. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Green Deal Geopolitics and Global Implications. ([Institut Montaigne](#))
- The EU must pull out all the stops to save energy. ([Graham Weale](#))
- Solidarity and resilience: An action plan to save energy now! ([BPIE](#))
- On the future(s) of energy communities in the German energy transition. An [article](#).
- Smart households in a world with many renewable energy sources: flexible, efficient, cheaper. ([Marco Reiser and Karoline Steinbacher](#))
- In 2021, global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions once again reached the highest level in history. A new [report](#) by the IEA.
- On the way to a sustainable recovery? Carbon pricing policy changes at Covid-19. ([OECD](#))
- A report by the Green Trade Network on [CBAM](#).
- Joint NGO statement on the need for CBAM to be linked to the ETS discussions. ([CAN Europe](#))
- EU unveils €300 million plan to fund hydrogen research ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU's 5th list of "projects of common interest" should be revised to include "Russian control". ([A group of MEPs](#))
- Can a polluter pays policy be progressive? ([IEEP](#))
- [SMEUnited](#) on the recast of the Energy Efficiency Directive.
- Revision of the EU ETS Directive: A focus on Article 29a. ([ERCST](#))
- On [17 March](#), there is an important meeting of energy ministers, who will discuss Fit for 55, among other things. ([EEB](#), [E3G](#))
- A briefing by CAN Europe on the [Energy Charter Treaty](#).
- A letter to the environment ministers on the [battery regulation](#).
- The European Parliament wants more ambition in the new rules for batteries. ([EP](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- MEPs try to get ahead on right to repair. ([Euractiv](#))
- Preparing tomorrow's buildings today: implementing a circular strategy. ([E3G](#))
- We need to show how the circular economy affects jobs to meet climate targets. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Implementing circular economy strategies in the electronics sector: Insights from Finnish companies. An [article](#).
- Circular public procurement is a powerful tool that city governments can use to shape the transition to a circular economy. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- 21 circular economy solutions: changing the way we eat, live and travel for a more sustainable world. ([WEF](#))
- [Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#) and [ESG Clarity](#) on the UN treaty against plastic pollution.
- Stricter CO<sub>2</sub> limits for vans needed to encourage electrification, says coalition of cities, businesses, health groups and NGOs. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Mobility as a Service: Defining a Transport Utopia. An [article](#).
- Why "flying less" is the best path to sustainable aviation. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The war in Ukraine could disrupt the European Union's ambitions to become a leader in chip production. ([Euractiv](#))
- What impact will the EU data act have on the digital economy? ([WEF](#))
- Strategic autonomy of the EU in the context of Russia's war on Ukraine. [What do the think tanks think?](#)
- MEPs call for more protection for workers ([Euractiv](#))
- The European Parliament gave its verdict on the [8th Environmental Action Programme](#).
- Dangerous and often illegal cosmetics enter the EU due to lack of online regulation. ([EEB](#))

- The Council adopted conclusions calling for adaptation of [civil protection](#) to extreme weather events caused by climate change.
- The climate crisis is a feminist issue: there is no just transition without equality. ([EPSU](#))
- Meta-analyses of fifteen determinants of public opinion on climate change taxes and laws. An [article](#).
- Are European businesses ready for the EU Green Deal? ([PWC](#))
- Unpacking COVID-19 rescue and recovery spending: an assessment of the impact on greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 for major emitters. An [article](#).
- European Commission and EIB Group sign InvestEU deals to release billions for investment across the European Union. ([Commission](#), [EIB](#))
- How to reconcile the increased need for green public investments with fiscal consolidation. ([Zsolt Darvas and Guntram Wolff](#))
- 92 civil society organisations call on financial institutions to avoid greenwashing associated with taxonomy. ([Reclaim Finance](#), [Banktrack](#))
- [WWF](#) on taxonomy.
- Joint [recommendations](#) by NGOs and consumers for minimum criteria for Art. 8 & 9 products under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR).
- The COP15 summit on the post-2020 biodiversity framework, which was to be held in Kunming, China, in April and May, will now take place in August. ([NewScientist](#))
- Governments collectively fail to deliver on their nature promises, says new WWF report. ([WWF](#))
- Five proposals for enhanced monitoring and assessment of the post-2020 biodiversity framework. ([IDDRI](#))
- Commission launches [#TheGreenTrack](#) - a nature conservation initiative for young people.
- Companies tried to weaken draft EU legislation banning food imports linked to deforestation, eight days after promising to speed up action. ([The Guardian](#))
- Data shows that the Amazon is approaching a tipping point after which the rainforest would be lost with "profound" consequences for the global climate and biodiversity. ([The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- We need to reset our relationship with nature to prevent pandemics. ([Steve Trent](#))
- Only a fraction of international climate adaptation funding for LDCs also appears to support nature. ([IIED](#))
- Plants that humans don't need are on the way to extinction, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate change fundamentally affects European birds, study shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- An average European consumes more than 60kg of soya a year, new research shows. ([WWF](#))
- Timmermans warns against relaxing Green Deal targets for the sake of food security. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission confirms commitment to EU green goals at first food security meeting. ([Euractiv](#))
- More food, less feed. Agriculture and the war in Ukraine. ([Arc2020](#))
- [BirdLife](#) won't water down the Green Deal.
- Over 85 NGOs call on the European Union not to derail the EU's Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies by claiming that European food security is threatened by the war in Ukraine. ([BirdLife](#))
- Germany opposes questioning of green food targets amid war in Ukraine ([Euractiv](#))
- Position paper on the revision of the directive on sustainable use of pesticides. ([PAN](#))
- Towards a gender-sensitive and green Covid-19 recovery. ([UNDP](#))
- EU climate diplomacy priorities focus on past solutions to address current climate finance challenges. ([Eurodad](#))

## Activities

- 2022-03-14 | Hybrid | [Addressing transport poverty: the key to a socially balanced green transformation](#)
- 2022-03-14 | Online | [Competition Policy and Social Sustainability](#)
- 2022-03-15 | Online | [Energy value chain implications for low-carbon industrial transformation](#)
- 2022-03-15 | Online | [ICT sector's carbon footprint challenge](#)
- 2022-03-15 | Online | [Hydrogen: the key carrier of Europe's energy future?](#)
- 2022-03-16 | Webinar | [An Equitable and Sustainable Ocean Economy: The role of finance in mitigating risk and building resilience](#)
- 2022-03-16 | Online | [Delivering a just transition: Fit for 55 and the renovation wave](#)
- 2022-03-17 | Webinar | [Powering the future of public transport](#)
- 2022-03-17 | Online | [Closing the loop: Maximising the circular economy's potential for the transition to climate-neutral industry](#)
- 2022-03-17 | Online | [The EU Energy Transition: What do vulnerable people think?](#)
- 2022-03-17 – 2022-03-18 | Hybrid | [Annual Conference on European Environmental Law 2022](#)
- 2022-03-21 | Online | [From the Green Deal to Green Landscapes: policy implications](#)
- 2022-03-22 | Online | [Second stakeholders workshop - Safe and sustainable by design criteria for chemicals and materials](#)
- 2022-03-23 | Webinar | [Building the global circular economy](#)
- 2022-03-23 | Online | [EU Support to Public Administration](#)
- 2022-03-23 | Hybrid | [Forum Europe - The 7th Annual Future of Transport Conference](#)
- 2022-03-24 | Online | [Biodiversity and Financial Stability: action by central banks and supervisors](#)
- 2022-03-24 | Online | [Let's talk about...biodiversity](#)
- 2022-03-24 | Online | [Sustainable access to primary & secondary raw materials](#)
- 2022-03-25 | Online | [Environmental Challenges and Climate Change Governance Research Seminar](#)
- 2022-03-28 | Online | [Tensions on the review of Europe's Emissions Trading System](#)
- 2022-03-28 – 2022-03-29 | [Connected Fleets Conference](#)
- 2022-03-29 | Online | [Towards an EU solar energy strategy](#)
- 2022-03-29 | Online | [Getting Fit for 55 and beyond – Urban transformation for climate neutral cities – what does it take?](#)
- 2022-03-29 | Online | [The plastics challenge: What can the EU do?](#)
- 2022-03-30 – 2022-03-31 | Webinar | [Workers leading the way - Rights and perspectives in the green and digital transitions](#)
- 2022-03-31 | [SolarPower Summit](#)
- 2022-03-31 | Webinar | [Webinar EU Taxonomy](#)
- 2022-03-31 – 2022-04-01 | Hybrid | [Climate Change and the Rule of Law Conference](#)
- 2022-04-01 | Online | [E-commerce trends: wat zijn de wegen naar een duurzamere last mile? - Les tendances du commerce électronique : quelles pistes pour un dernier kilomètre plus durable ?](#)
- 2022-04-05 | Hybrid | [RenOnBill final conference](#)
- 2022-04-06 – 2022-04-08 | Online | [Transport Innovation Online Summit 2022](#)
- 2022-04-07 | Online | [Demonstrating the Circular Economy in Plastic Multimaterials](#)
- 2022-04-08 | Online | [Sustainable Product Policy Initiative: A new framework for environmental performance of products](#)

- 2022-04-12 | Webinar | [Ensuring the non-toxicity of products and packaging: a prerequisite to achieve a circular economy and protect our health](#)
- 2022-04-26 | Hybrid | [Sustainable Investment Forum Europe 2022 \(1\)](#)
- 2022-05-04 – 2022-05-05 | Online | [Sustainable Investment Forum Europe 2022 \(2\)](#)
- 2022-05-16 – 2022-05-20 | [European Vocational Skills Week](#)
- 2022-05-23 – 2022-05-25 | Hybrid | [DNC2022: Biodiversity - Stewardship for Vital Resources](#)
- 2022-06-09 – 2022-06-12 | [The New European Bauhaus Festival](#)
- 2022-10-10 – 2022-10-12 | [The European SDG Summit](#)
- 2022-10-11 – 2022-10-13 | [SBE22Delft Conference: Preparing for the European Renovation Wave](#)
- 2022-11-09 – 2022-11-10 | Hybrid | [Transport Innovation Summit 2022](#)
- 2022-11-29 – 2022-12-02 | [Sustainable Future Summit](#)

### Commission documents

- 2022-03-23 | [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](#)
- 2022-03-30 | [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
- 2022-04-05 | [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
- 2022-05-03 | [International partnerships and energy package](#): - New strategy on international energy engagement / - Joint Communication on a partnership with the Gulf
- 2022-05-25 | European Semester Spring Package
- 2022-06-07 | Joint Communication on international ocean governance
- 2022-06-15 | 2022 Strategic Foresight Report
- 2022-07-05 | New design requirements and consumer rights for electronics (tbc)
- 2022-07-20 | [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](#)
- 2022-07-27 | Proposal on implementation of the OECD global agreement on re-allocation of taxing rights

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