



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

- At an informal meeting of the European Council, REPower Europe, the Commission's proposal, was among the topics discussed. ([Council Conclusions](#), [EEB](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CAN Europe](#)).
- New comments on reducing energy dependence on Russia and accelerating the energy transition: [Kirsten Dunlop and various authors](#), [Euractiv](#), [ECDPM](#), [Wind Europe](#), [COGEN](#), [EASE](#), [EUI](#), [Euractiv](#), [PRI](#), [Euractiv](#).
- On 24 and 25 March, there is a meeting of the [European Council](#). There the discussion on energy will continue. ([Euractiv](#))
- On 17 March, there was a meeting of the [ministers of the environment](#). Fit for 55 and battery rules were among the topics discussed. ([WWF](#), [ECOS](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Council](#), [Council](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Widespread support in EU Parliament for 45% renewable energy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Important legislator wants 10% "low carbon hydrogen" in EU renewable energy law. ([Euractiv](#))
- MEP proposes fewer restrictions on biofuels to meet higher renewable energy target. ([Euractiv](#))
- Germany, Norway agree on preliminary plan to build hydrogen pipeline ([Euractiv](#))
- EU directive on gas and hydrogen networks. A [briefing](#).
- Hydropower projects in Europe threatened by increasing floods and droughts due to climate change, warns new study. ([WWF](#))

- 'Fit for 55' package: Reducing methane emissions in the energy sector. A [briefing](#).
- Energy Charter Treaty: four ways to change it to enable green investments. ([Ottavio Quirico](#))
- Accelerating energy efficiency. What governments can do now to make energy savings. ([IEA](#))
- Renovation and electrification of buildings strengthens the European economy and energy security. A new [study](#).
- The war in Ukraine has made gas heating increasingly unsustainable. This may be the necessary push for the revised EU directive on the energy performance of buildings. ([Euractiv](#))
- Efficiency improvement and technology choice for energy and emission reductions in the residential sector. An [article](#).
- The EU should regulate embodied carbon to achieve climate resilient buildings. ([Thomas Damkjaer Petersen and various authors](#))
- [ANEC](#) on the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.
- A parametric approach for optimising building systems and carbon footprints. A [case study](#) inspired by the principles of circularity.
- [META](#) on the revision of the Construction Products Regulation.
- 'Fit for 55' package. Analysis of distributional effects for European households of energy prices in buildings and transport. ([IDDRI](#))
- [WBCSD](#), [Climate Home News](#) on the proposed treaty against plastic pollution.
- A better understanding of the linkages between natural resources can enhance the EU's sustainability efforts. A new [briefing from the EEA](#).
- Product policy must embrace circular economy. ([Euractiv](#))
- 'Right to Repair': MEPs make their demands ahead of the Commission's proposal. ([EP](#))
- How robust is the circular economy in Europe? A rise analysis with Eurostat data between 2010 and 2018. An [article](#).
- How long will flying less remain the best way to reduce aviation's impact on the climate? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Mobility in the future. Ensuring an just transition to net zero transport. A new [report](#).
- Comments on the European Commission's proposal to update the utility factors for PHEVs. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Shipping is not 'fit for 55' - with only months left for the EU to get it right. ([Lucy Gilliam](#))
- US chip maker Intel announces €33bn investment in Europe. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#))
- [META](#) on REACH (part 1).
- Air pollution linked to higher risk of autoimmune diseases. ([The Guardian](#))
- Comparison and assessment of recovery and resilience plans. A new [study](#) by CEPS.
- A feminist European Green Deal: towards an ecological and gender-just transition process. A new [report](#).
- Member States end 10-year deadlock on EU plan for women's quotas on company boards. ([Euractiv](#))
- On 15 March there was an [Ecofin](#) meeting. [Anne Gläser and Chiara Putaturo](#), [ETUC](#), [Greenpeace](#), [EEB](#), [META](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#).
- At that meeting an agreement in principle was reached on [CBAM](#). ([WWF](#), [Euractiv](#), [PWC](#))
- A European Parliament committee voted on the Directive on Corporate Sustainability Reporting (CSRD). ([EP](#), [WWF](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- A group of 102 MEPs has called on the Commission to withdraw its proposal to include fossil gas in the EU's green financing taxonomy. ([Euractiv](#))
- A group of NGOs calls for the repeal of the additional delegated act on taxonomy. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Climate change: Are markets ready to finance the energy transition? ([Finance Watch](#))
- What do international conflicts mean for responsible investment? ([PRI](#))

- Important negotiations have started in Geneva on the future framework for biodiversity. ([CBD press](#), [CBD](#), [ENB IISD](#), [Rfi](#), [WWF](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Geneva Solutions](#), [Commission](#), [AP News](#), [Stockholm Resilience Centre](#))
- Implications for biodiversity and biodiversity conservation of the urban sprawl predicted to 2050. An [article](#).
- Threats to the environment in rural areas. ([IEEP](#))
- Commission seeks views on stronger actions to reverse the decline of [pollinating insects](#).
- Governance innovations for the provision of forest ecosystem services - Insights from an EU-wide survey. An [article](#).
- The 'Farm to Fork' strategy is the future of the EU food system. ([SlowFood](#))
- Turning back the clock will not help Europe's food security, a sustainable transition will. ([EPHA](#))
- Commission divided over "suspension" of Green Deal targets in agriculture for fear of food security. ([Euractiv](#))
- The pesticide industry lobby group and its allies have launched a lobbying campaign against the EU's flagship policies: the Farm to Fork strategy and biodiversity. ([CEO](#))
- [BirdLife](#) on the strategic plans of the CAP.
- Exposure to pesticides worldwide has clear human rights implications. ([EEB](#))
- Activists vow to take EU to court to challenge its policy on forest biomass. ([Eco-Business](#))
- Brazilian environmental groups have urged the EU to pass aggressive legislation banning all imports linked to deforestation. ([Euractiv](#))
- The war in Ukraine is destabilising food security in Europe. The solution is not to dismantle the 'Farm to Fork' strategy, but to speed it up. ([Arc2020](#))
- [META](#) on 'due diligence' for better trade.
- Fossil fuel finance in Africa. A [report](#) by Oil Change.

Activities

- 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?](#)
- 2022-03-29 | Online | [Unlocking the potential of biocontrol](#)
- 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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