



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

- Comments on Russia's energy dependence and accelerating the energy transition: [Marilyn Waite](#), [The Guardian](#), [UN News](#), [Euractiv](#), [Rasmus Øjvind Nielsen](#), [Bellona](#), [E3G](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Jos Delbeke](#), [Elisa Giannelli](#), [CER](#), [Dan Jørgensen and Fatih Birol](#), [CER](#), [Jonas Moberg](#), [EPC](#), [Seb Kennedy](#).
- Commission outlines options to mitigate high energy prices with common gas purchasing and minimum gas storage obligations. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Christian Egenhofer and Francesco Gazzoletti](#))
- There was a meeting of the [European Council](#) on 24 and 25 March. ([Politico](#), [EP Briefing](#), [Politico](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [E3G](#))
- The [meeting](#) of foreign ministers on 21 March also discussed energy. ([Euractiv](#))
- A COP27 work programme for 1.5°C. ([E3G](#))
- New European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change appointed. ([EEA](#))
- WWF on '[Fit for 55](#)'.
- [Mikael Leyi](#) on the Social Climate Fund.
- Development of the infrastructure for alternative fuels. Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- Using eco-design to reduce the negative effects of solid fuel heating. A new study. ([ECOS](#))
- This Dutch building innovation shows that it is possible to adapt any building quickly. ([Energiesprong](#))
- EU ministers reach broad consensus on battery regulation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Let's not replace one dependency with another ([Zakia Khattabi](#))

- Responsible extraction of raw materials is vital as the era of fossil fuels draws to a close. ([Julia Poliscanova and Mark Dummett](#))
- A [briefing](#) on the impact of Covid-19 on the reuse and repair sector.
- These 17 innovators are helping to accelerate the transition to a global circular economy. ([WEF](#))
- Toolkit circular buildings launched. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- Commission likely to push for recycled PET in food packaging despite objections. ([Euractiv](#))
- [META](#) on the announced revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive.
- Political and socio-economic factors determining the financial outcome of successful green innovation. An [article](#).
- A new impetus for transport and tourism in the EU after Covid-19 - Part VI - Public Transport. A [briefing](#).
- ReFuelEU initiative for aviation. Sustainable aviation fuels and the 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- Towards a critical perspective on urban transport. An [article](#).
- Food crisis: Europe burns the equivalent of 15 million loaves of bread in cars every day. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- ERFA on a [state aid scheme for a competitive rail freight market](#) and on [conditions for the success of a liberalised rail freight market](#).
- Up to 3,000 cases of oil dumped by commercial vessels in European waters each year, according to a new study. ([The Guardian](#))
- The European Ecolabel turns 30 ([META](#))
- World Water Day: Focusing on groundwater in Europe ([EEA](#))
- Microplastic pollution has been demonstrated in human blood for the first time, with scientists finding the tiny particles in almost 80% of people tested. ([The Guardian](#))
- Analysing and visualising global research trends on Covid-19 in relation to sustainable development goals. An [article](#).
- Digital Markets Act: EU institutions agree on new rules for Big Tech. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#))
- A new social contract: ensuring decent work in the low-carbon economy. ([PRI](#))
- A majority of Europeans (61%) think the green transition will make their lives better, according to the third wave of results from the annual [EIB climate survey](#).
- Building the consensus for green recovery. ([Lolwah Al-Khater and Brian Finlay](#))
- From Next Generation EU to a Union of Green Capital Markets. ([CEPS](#))
- The [ECB report](#) on banks' progress towards transparent disclosure of their climate and environmental risk profiles.
- Where are the people in transition finance? ([Sabrina Muller and Nick Robins](#))
- The value of architecture in the context of EU taxonomy. A [report](#).
- Central banks and supervision in the biosphere. A new [study](#). ([WWF](#), [LSE](#))
- Time is running out to reach an ambitious deal for nature, campaigners say, warning that crucial negotiations to protect biodiversity are proceeding at a "snail's pace". ([The Guardian](#), [BirdLife](#))
- Ensuring that measures to protect wetlands and wetland biodiversity are prioritised in the global biodiversity framework. A [report](#) by Wetlands International.
- Why wetlands are a multi-faceted climate and biodiversity hack. ([WEF](#))
- Pathways for food and land use systems to contribute to global biodiversity goals. A new [study](#). ([UNSDSN](#))
- UN member states failed to agree on a treaty to protect the high seas from exploitation. ([The Guardian](#), [Mongabay](#))
- How circular cities protect biodiversity. ([ICLEI](#))

- Social and environmental resilience linked: Dutch citizen initiatives for biodiversity. An [article](#).
- The Commission was scheduled to publish proposals on pesticide use and nature restoration on 23 March. That publication has been postponed until the end of July. ([WWF](#), [IUCN](#), [CEO](#), [EEB](#))
- Include ambitious restoration targets in the EU nature restoration law. ([Fern](#))
- A [letter](#) from 'Save Bees and Farmers' on the new regulation announced to reduce the use of pesticides.
- New research shows that global forests do more than just store carbon. ([The Guardian](#))
- The Commission is committed to global food security and to supporting EU farmers and consumers. ([Commission](#), [Arc2020](#), [IUCN](#), [Eurogroup for Animals](#), [Politico](#), [WWF](#))
- Agriculture is a "crucial security policy" for the EU, says Commission. ([Euractiv](#))
- An 8% reduction in the use of cereals for animal feed in the EU would save enough wheat to make up for the expected shortfall in Ukraine due to the Russian invasion, a Greenpeace [study](#) has found.
- Member states call for a unified EU strategy on plant proteins. ([Euractiv](#))
- Financing the transition to cage-free agriculture in Europe. A new [study](#) by IEEP.
- Rich countries must stop oil and gas production by 2034. A [study](#) by the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. ([Tyndall](#), [The Guardian](#), [IISD](#), [Oil Change International](#), [IISD](#))
- War in Ukraine exacerbates hunger crisis in East Africa, charities warn. ([Climate Home News](#))
- UN chief calls for extreme weather warning systems for everyone on earth. ([UN News](#), [The Guardian](#))

Activities

- 2022-03-28 | Online | [Tensions on the review of Europe's Emissions Trading System](#)
- 2022-03-28 | Webinar | [How should companies finance climate action beyond their value chains?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-03-29 | Online | [Why the EU needs to take actions on Indoor Air Quality](#)
- 2022-03-30 | Online | [How to develop the heating sector to ensure better air quality?](#)
- 2022-03-30 | Webinar | [EU Platform on Sustainable Finance launches: New criteria for all six taxonomy objectives](#)
- 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 ?](#)
- 2022-04-01 | Online | [Building a Circular & Climate Neutral Economy: Reaction to the March Circular Economy Package'](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-04-07 | Online | [Linking Emissions Trading Systems: research insights from LIFE DICET](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-04-14 | Webinar | [Recommendations for the review of the heavy-duty CO2 standards in Europe](#)
- 2022-04-20 | Online | [Building net-zero by 2050 with three building blocks: which ones and how?](#)
- 2022-04-21 | [Tackling energy poverty at the heart of the ecological and energy transition](#)
- 2022-04-26 | Hybrid | [Sustainable Investment Forum Europe 2022 \(1\)](#)
- 2022-04-27 | Webinar | [EaaS: The successful path to servitization](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-05-30 – 2022-06-05 | [EU Green Week](#)
- 2022-06-02 | Hybrid | [IRU/EU Conference, Fit for 55: The Road Ahead](#)
- 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

- 2022-03-30 | [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
- 2022-05-18 | RePowerEU plan
- 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 | Nature protection package: - Sustainable use of pesticides – revision of the EU rules / - Protecting biodiversity: nature restoration targets

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