



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: [Christopher Jones and Klaus-Dieter Borchardt](#), [Nikos Tsafos](#), [E3G](#), [CAN Europe](#), [ICE](#), [Jessica Stromback](#), [Euractiv](#), [Giles Dickson](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [William Todts](#), [Julia Poliscanova](#), [Horizon](#), [E3G](#).
- Energy transition is key to addressing global energy and climate crisis. A new [report](#) by IRENA.
- Reactions to the [results](#) of the European Council of 24-25 March: [Briefing](#), [Euractiv](#), [WWF](#), [CAN Europe](#).
- EU climate policy has become key to peace and energy independence. ([Euractiv](#))
- Will turning down Europe's thermostats ease the gas supply crisis? ([Aurore Julien](#))
- Support for US oil and gas producers should be linked to low-emission investments. ([Ben Cahill](#))
- Energy communities on gas: Little added value, big risks. ([Josh Roberts](#))
- Why estimates of the "cost" of climate action are overly pessimistic. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- [SmartEn](#), [Eurocities](#) on 'Fit for 55'.
- [ESMA](#) publishes its final report on the EU carbon market. ([Euractiv](#))
- Review of the market stability reserve for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme: 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- [ESG Investor](#) on CBAM.

- Energy conservation and sufficiency policies: overview of existing policies and recommendations for new and effective policies in OECD countries. An [article](#).
- European oil majors bought \$100 billion from Russia since Crimea annexation. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Trans-European energy infrastructure (TEN-E). A [briefing](#).
- Start thinking today about how we can secure hydrogen imports tomorrow. ([Raffaele Piria](#))
- EU willing to increase energy efficiency target to eliminate Russian gas. ([Euractiv](#))
- Rising demand for heat pumps in Europe exposes bottlenecks. ([Euractiv](#))
- Decarbonising buildings in cities and regions. A new [report](#) from the OECD.
- We need energy-efficient buildings to make "RePowerEU" possible. ([E3G](#))
- [SmartEn](#) on the recast of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.
- It is time to get fossil fuels out of our homes. ([CAN Europe](#))
- The Commission announced three new calls to put the New European [Bauhaus](#) into practice.
- Companies should not be given the pen to write their own environmental rules into standards for construction products. ([EEB](#))
- The Commission again presented a package of ambitious [proposals](#) for the circular economy. ([EuroNews](#), [The Guardian](#), [ECOS](#), [EEB](#), [CLG](#), [Orgalim](#), [TC](#), [Circular](#), [Euractiv](#), [ETUC](#), [Just Style](#), [EEB](#))
- The Commission presented some [proposals](#) to strengthen the rights of consumers and against "greenwashing". ([Euractiv](#), [BEUC](#))
- Circular water economy: Definition, strategies and challenges. An [article](#).
- Building the global circular economy: Opportunities for leadership and cooperation between Canada and the EU. ([IEEP](#))
- The relevance of recyclability to the life cycle assessment of packaging based on life cycle design. An [article](#).
- Flexible packaging: 21 urgent actions needed to achieve circular economy solutions. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- Circular economy in a low-carbon transition. A [book](#).
- The relevance of the circular economy to climate change. An exploration through the change theory approach. An [article](#).
- Plans to sell only emission-free new cars in the EU from 2035 are gaining momentum after Germany said it will support the proposed deadline. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Electric vans cheaper than diesel, research shows. ([Transport & Environment](#)) However, low availability is putting the brakes on the decarbonisation of the van sector. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The CO₂ standards for trucks and buses that Europe needs to meet its climate targets. ([ICCT](#))
- Non-CO₂ impacts of aviation: Time to finally address the full climate impact of aviation. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Digitisation for the transition to a resource-efficient and circular economy. A new [report](#) from the OECD.
- A digital investment plan for Europe. ([Digital Europe](#))
- Sustainability and the digital transition. A literature review. An [article](#).
- Is 'Additive Manufacturing' a green deal? ([Roland Berger](#))
- The Data Management Act. A [briefing](#).
- Climate groups say a change in coding could reduce the energy consumption of bitcoins by 99%. ([The Guardian](#))
- The vast majority of Europe's urban population remains exposed to unsafe levels of air pollution. ([EEA](#))
- Revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive and update of the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR). A [briefing](#).

- OECD countries pledge to do more on climate and environment in [ministerial declaration](#).
- Regulation: SFDR put to the test. ([IPE](#))
- New publications of the Platform on Sustainable Finance. (1) [Report](#) of the Platform on Sustainable Finance on the taxonomy of environmental transition. (2) The [report](#) of the Platform on Sustainable Finance with recommendations for technical vetting criteria for the four remaining environmental objectives of the EU taxonomy. (3) [Annex](#). ([WWF](#), [ESG Today](#), [WWF](#))
- Developing the EU taxonomy for sustainable finance. A [report](#) by the JRC.
- How will the taxonomy evolve? ([Reuters](#), [Euronews](#), [Luca Bonaccorsi](#), [ETUC](#), [Jon Hay](#))
- The EU's green banking agenda is not - yet - sustainable. ([Agnieszka Smoleńska](#))
- Climate transition plans: investors sound the alarm. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- Negotiations in Geneva on a new international framework for the protection of biodiversity have yielded little result. Negotiations will resume in June. ([BBC](#), [France24](#), [IUCN](#), [Conservation International](#), [DW](#), [WWF](#), [edie](#), [IISD ENB](#), [CBD](#), [Geneva Solutions](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Reuters](#), [Climate Home News](#), [The Guardian](#), [BusinessGreen](#), [Reuters](#), [BirdLife](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- Common themes and objectives should lead to closer cooperation between the UNFCCC and the CBD. ([EASAC](#))
- Biodiversity loss has knock-on effects on global markets. ([Phys](#))
- EU food supply remains secure, but less accessible for Europe's poorest. ([Euractiv](#))
- German agriculture minister: sustainable agriculture key to independence from Russia. ([Euractiv](#))
- Agroecology: an obstacle and a necessity to achieve food sovereignty. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commissioner: EU sustainable food strategy "on pause", but not forgotten. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission under pressure to relax rules on use of nitrates in agriculture. ([Euractiv](#))
- Putting globalisation and trade at the service of man and planet: international spillovers in EU food supply chains. ([SDSN](#))
- A first global mapping of rights-based climate disputes shows the need for a more in-depth examination of justice-based transition cases. ([LSE](#))

Activities

- 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 | [La technologie des blockchains: un outil pour le développement durable ? - Blockchain-technologie: een instrument voor duurzame ontwikkeling?](#)
- 2022-05-04 – 2022-05-05 | Online | [Sustainable Investment Forum Europe 2022 \(2\)](#)
- 2022-05-12 | [Just Transition: Where is the European car industry heading?](#)

- 2022-05-12 | [Policy Measures for a Just Transition: Ideas for Designing a Structural Transformation to Reduce Inequalities](#)
- 2022-05-12 | [Shifting taxes in order to achieve green goals](#)
- 2022-05-16 – 2022-05-20 | [European Vocational Skills Week](#)
- 2022-05-17 | Webinar | [EU Taxonomy implementation](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-06-16 – 2022-06-17 | [European Organic Congress 2022](#)
- 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

- 2022-04-05 | [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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