



## 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: [Iryna Stavchuk and Oleh Savytskyi](#), [Dean Cooper](#), [DIE](#), [E3G](#), [Jutta Paulus](#), [Karl Wagner](#), [Bruegel](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Sushil Purohit](#), [Greenpeace](#), [OilChange](#), [EP Briefing](#).
- A group of EU states want faster green talks to reduce Russia's energy dependence. ([Bloomberg](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The IPCC published an important new report on 4 April (Summary for Policymakers of the IPCC Working Group III report, *Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of climate change*). Comments before the publication: [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#). [The report](#). Comments after the publication: [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty](#), [Edie](#), [TIME](#), [LSE](#), [UN News](#), [CIEL](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [IDDRI](#), [WWF](#), [Reuters](#), [Vox](#), [The Conversation](#), [Oxfam](#), [DW](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [ILO](#), [ITUC](#), [WEF](#), [Nature](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Greenpeace](#), [CarbonBrief](#).
- The [Commission](#) wants to become climate neutral by 2030. ([Euractiv](#))
- Methane in the earth's atmosphere rose by record amounts last year. ([The Guardian](#))
- The ETS system after the energy price spike. A [report](#) by CER.
- Emissions covered by the ETS system increase, but allowances in circulation remain as high as in 2019. ([Sandbag](#))
- Decarbonising steel. Options for reforming the ETS system. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))

- Oil companies have made around €3 billion in profits from diesel and petrol sales in Europe since the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. A [study](#) by Greenpeace.
- Eight actions for energy independence EU based on solar energy. A [new report](#) by SolarPower Europe.
- The wind industry had its second best year, but scaling up to Net Zero requires a policy breakthrough. ([GWEC](#))
- Germany unveils major electricity sector revamp. ([Euractiv](#))
- Gas crisis accelerates energy transition in district heating. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU puts focus on local planning to boost district heating. ([Euractiv](#))
- Sustainable management of heating and cooling in urban districts. An [article](#).
- Germany divides carbon tax for heating between landlords and tenants. ([Euractiv](#))
- To boost renovation, EU wants to re-establish internal market for building materials. ([Euractiv](#))
- [WorldGBC](#), [EASE](#), [Glass for Europe](#) on updating the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).
- Servitization in the energy sector. Emerging service business models and participation of startups. An [article](#).
- Will a transition to wood construction cool the climate? One [article](#).
- Europe is (slowly) warming up to domestic resource extraction. ([Politico](#))
- Raw materials: why Europe should do more about batteries. ([Claudius Jehle](#))
- Comments on the new Commission proposals for the circular economy are still forthcoming. [ESG Clarity](#), [ECDPM](#), [META](#), [Vogue Business](#).
- Why we need to rethink the "technical" circular economy. ([Circle Economy](#))
- How circular economy can bring holistic well-being. ([IISD](#))
- The [Orgalim position](#) on the "right to repair".
- What future for plastic recycling in a circular and toxin-free economy? A new [report](#).
- Europe's dirtiest airlines awarded millions in free pollution permits by 2021. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EU invites young people to apply for free interrail card. ([Euractiv](#))
- Microplastics found deep in lungs of living people for the first time. ([The Guardian](#))
- The EU has one of the strictest chemical controls in the world, but dangerous substances are still creeping onto the market. ([META](#))
- Improving access to green spaces in cities to reduce health inequalities. ([IEEP](#))
- Air pollution threatens health of billions of people around the world, WHO warns. ([The Guardian](#))
- The US and Europe are responsible for most of the global ecological damage caused by the overuse of natural resources, a landmark study has found. ([The Guardian](#))
- Digital transition could be risk or opportunity for climate, says UN official. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Digital Services Act. A [briefing](#).
- The Commission presented [proposals](#) to revise the Industrial Emissions Directive. ([EEB](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- The Commission presented new [regulations](#) for stricter regulation of fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gases) and ozone depleting substances (ODS). ([EEB](#))
- Climate Action 100+ net zero corporate benchmark shows an increase in net zero corporate commitments, but much more urgent action is needed to meet a 1.5°C future. ([PRI](#))
- [ECCJ](#) and [CIDSE](#) on proposed directive on due diligence.
- Corporate due diligence on sustainability: How the EU proposal could affect existing French Due Diligence legislation. ([Mayer Brown](#))
- NextGenerationEU: European Commission backs Europe's sustainable transition with second green bond syndicate. ([Commission](#), [Reuters](#), [EuroNews](#))

- Council adopts [conclusions](#) on strategic autonomy of European economic and financial sector.
- EIOPA launches [climate stress test](#) for European occupational pension sector.
- What really happened at the crucial Geneva negotiations on biodiversity? ([The Guardian](#))
- An interview with UN biodiversity chief Elizabeth Maruma Mrema. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- European forest governance: Status quo and optimising options in relation to the Paris climate objective. An [article](#).
- EU lawmakers call on Commission to end meat promotion in Ukraine crisis ([Euractiv](#))
- EU organic sector needs market-driven solutions, national strategies, say MEPs. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU-wide protein strategy in the making as Commission changes course. ([Euractiv](#))
- A new [report by IPES-Food](#) sheds light on misleading generalisations that dominate the public debate on meat and protein.
- New NGO report: National strategic plans CAP will not deliver EU Green Deal. ([EEB](#), [BirdLife](#))
- Commission considers call for exceptional flexibility in second pillar CAP. ([Euractiv](#))
- Impact of biofuels on food security flares up again amid Ukraine war. ([Euractiv](#))
- Environmental degradation: Impact on agricultural production. A [report](#) by IEEP.
- The impact of Covid-19 has wiped out progress on access to electricity and clean cooking, while crucial improvements in energy efficiency have slowed, according to the latest update from the International Energy Agency. ([IEA](#))
- Ready for a common future for Africa and Europe? A [report](#) by ETTG.

## Activities

- 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 \(1\)](#)
- 2022-04-26 – 2022-04-27 | [Smart Cities Marketplace Forum – Towards a just and clean urban transition](#)
- 2022-04-27 | Webinar | [EaaS: The successful path to servitization](#)
- 2022-04-27 | Online | [Skills in the digital world: a path towards inclusive transformation](#)
- 2022-04-28 – 2022-04-29 | [Transitioning the chemical industry toward a circular future](#)
- 2022-04-29 | Online | [Circularity of bottles: Contributing to the EU Green Deal](#)
- 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 \(2\)](#)
- 2022-05-05 | Online | ["A just net-zero energy transition for Europe: evaluating pathways" with Prof Karl W. Steininger](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-05-12 – 2022-05-13 | Online | [Strategic and Sustainable Public Procurement: Making it Work for Crisis Recovery](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-06-15 | Hybrid | [Rethinking our Disposable Society: how to build a circular economy](#)
- 2022-06-16 – 2022-06-17 | [European Organic Congress 2022](#)
- 2022-06-30 | Hybrid | [Global Trends in Climate Litigation](#)
- 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

- 2022-05-18 | [RePowerEU plan](#) | [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
- 2022-06-22 | [Nature protection package](#) (tbc): - Sustainable use of pesticides – revision of the EU rules / - Protecting biodiversity: nature restoration targets
- 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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