The European Green Deal
We want to reconcile our economy with our planet, and make it work for our people.

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: Marco Buti and Marcello Messori, E3G, Transport & Environment, Bill McKibben, Dave Keating, ECCO, Shada Islam, Gilles Lepesant, CAN Europe, Politico, Bellona.
- The Commission organises the first meeting of the EU Energy Procurement Platform to secure supplies of gas, LNG and hydrogen.
- SEI on the recent IPCC report.
- Seven new oil and gas projects approved since IPCC report called for fossil fuel phase-out. (EuroNews)
- For the first time, the world is able to limit global warming to less than 2°C, according to the first in-depth analysis of the net zero commitments made by countries at the UN climate summit in Cop26 in December. (The Guardian, Laurie Laybourn)
- An agreement between Swedish political parties allows the country to take responsibility for the carbon footprint of imported goods. (Climate Home News)
- CAN Europe on the Effort Sharing Regulation (ESA).
- CAN Europe on the ETS system.
- Climate mainstreaming in the EU budget. A briefing.
- TED Talks for a climate of change. (EEB)
- Examining the European Union's decarbonisation strategies: Assessing the pathway to carbon neutrality by 2050. An article.
- What international environmental negotiations reveal about the state of the world. (IDDRI)

- Clean energy spending in governments' economic recovery packages has increased by 50% since the end of October, reaching unprecedented levels. (IEA)
- Germany's bold and ambitious plan for 100% renewable energy. (E3G)
- The EU's plan to increase the use of renewable energy sources by 2030: implications for the electricity system. (Ifri)
- Problems related to permits and supply chain need to be addressed to boost wind sector, industry says (Euractiv)
- It is imperative to regulate permits for the development of renewable energy sources. (Bellona)
- Securing the supply of raw materials: the next challenge for the wind industry. (Euractiv)
- Lithium could help end the EU's oil addiction. But has Europe had enough? (EuroNews)
- Impact of Energy Charter Treaty on clean energy transition worries. (Paul Hatchwell)
- Energy efficient buildings will help fight energy poverty. (EESC)
- Revision of the eco-design directive. A briefing.
- For an extension of legal guarantees that benefit both consumers and independent repairers. (Rreuse)
- Are PET bottles the most circular? (Dorota Napierska)
- Why 'eco-conscious' fashion brands may continue to increase emissions. (The Guardian)
- EU circular economy policy should eliminate waste and recover scarce materials essential for sustainability, says research. (UU)
- New framework helps companies make the right decisions to make packaging more sustainable. (WBCSD)
- Can digital technologies increase consumer acceptance of circular business models? The case of second-hand fashion. An article.
- IndustriAll on the Commission's new proposals for the circular economy.
- WBCSD on the forthcoming UN convention on plastic pollution
- Revision of the Waste Shipment Regulation. A briefing.
- EV charging in seven European cities. (Transport & Environment)
- Europe disconnected: The state of cross-border rail transport today (Transport & Environment)
- Aviation policy warning: non-CO_2 emissions have up to four times greater climate impact. (Carlos López de la Osa)
- Europe can become world leader in decarbonising shipping (Various authors)
- Sustainable maritime fuels. Fit for 55' package. A briefing.
- Dutch and Swedish shipowners join NGOs' call for improvements to the EU's ETS for shipping. (Transport & Environment)
- Methane escaping from gas-fuelled 'green' ships fuels climate crisis - Research. (Transport & Environment)
- NGOs' key demands to improve REACH. (EEB)
- Orgalim's position on the upcoming revision of the REACH regulation.
- EU Industrial Technology Roadmap calls for accelerated development and scaling of innovative low-carbon technologies in energy-intensive industries.
- Industrial emissions proposal criticised by agriculture sector (Euractiv)
- The Just Transition: Shaping the implementation of the inevitable policy response. (PRI)
- Eurosif and PRI sent a letter to the EU institutions on the need for net zero disclosure in CSRD. (Eurosif)
- How European and global sustainability standards for corporate reporting can and will converge. (Reuters)
- Sustainable finance: Council agrees position on European green bonds. (ESG Today)
- Four trends shaping the momentum in sustainable finance. (Bloomberg)

- Insuring the net zero transition: Evolving thinking and practices. (UNEPFI)
- IPCC author says climate finance cannot wait for regulation. (ESG Clarity)
- Towards deforestation-free commodities and products in the EU. A briefing.
- Biodiversity gets boost as 29 countries pledge more than $5 billion to GEF. (GEF)
- Defending soil biodiversity: Towards inclusive protection in the European Union. An article.
- 92% of fish discarded in EU fisheries are linked to trawling. A new study by WWF.
- EU announces €1 billion commitment to protect oceans.
- Towards European leadership on biodiversity for development. A new report by IDDRI.
- Striving for an inclusive energy transition. (UNCTAD)
- The impact of climate change mitigation strategies on Africa's energy system and associated water footprint. An article.
- EU decision to restrict bee-destroying pesticide causes tensions with US. (Euractiv)
- A quarter of a billion people now live in extreme poverty, warns Oxfam. (Oxfam, The Guardian)
- International organisations warn that rising food prices could fuel social unrest and extreme poverty. (Euractiv)
- Tailor-made, multi-dimensional and coherent: towards a renewed EU partnership with the least developed countries. (ECDPM)

Activities

- 2022-04-20 | Online | Building net-zero by 2050 with three building blocks: which ones and how?
- 2022-04-21 | Hybrid | 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 | Online | CBAM - How do we ensure that we cut emissions - not move them?
- 2022-04-26 – 2022-04-27 | Smart Cities Marketplace Forum – Towards a just and clean urban transition
- 2022-04-27 | Webinar | EaaS: The successfull path to servitization
- 2022-04-27 | Online | EU ETS: How to mitigate instability?
- 2022-04-27 | Online | Skills in the digital world: a path towards inclusive transformation
- 2022-04-27 | Online | The Human Right to a Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable Environment: Implications for Business
- 2022-04-27 | Online | Carbon Dioxide Removal in the EU: pitfalls and opportunities
- 2022-04-28 | Online | Carbon removals - How best to implement and validate?
- 2022-04-28 | Online | A Standardisation Strategy for a Global Europe
- 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
- 2022-04-29 | Online | Shaping the Climate Transition: Citizens take the floor
- 2022-05-04 | La technologie des blockchains: un outil pour le développement durable ? - Blockchain-technologie: een instrument voor duurzame ontwikkeling?
- 2022-05-04 | Online | SMEs, social economy enterprises, crafts and liberal professions Fit for 55 – Turning the Challenges into Opportunities
- 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
- 2022-05-10 | Online | Due diligence and responsible sourcing: Can a common approach for all sectors work?
- 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 | Online | [Sustainable and healthy buildings - Reaching the goals of the EU Green Deal](#)
- 2022-05-07 | Hybrid | [A revised EPBD - Faster decarbonisation of the EU's building stock?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-05-31 | Hybrid | [European EnerGreenDeal Conference](#)
- 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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