



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: [Politico](#), [Faig Abbasov](#), [Margaret Kuhlow](#), [EuroNews](#), [Euractiv](#), [Benjamin Wehrmann](#), [Arturo Varvelli](#), [EEB](#), [BirdLife](#), [Leslie Palti-Guzman](#), [Andriy Konechenkov](#).
- Energy-saving measures taken by EU citizens could save enough oil to fill 120 supertankers and enough natural gas to heat 20 million homes. ([IEA](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The fourth edition of the [EIB Climate Survey](#) shows that a majority of Europeans are confident that climate policy will improve their quality of life and create jobs.
- Comments on the ETS review: [Andris Piebalgs and Alessia Virone](#).
- In the ITRE committee of the European Parliament, a report on the ETS system was voted on. [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#).
- Europe rediscovers biogas in search of energy independence. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU considers 45% renewable energy target by 2030. ([EuroNews](#))
- Belgium must build on success with offshore wind to reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels, says new IEA policy review. ([IEA](#))
- Using international public finance to enable an equitable transition: key trends and opportunities ([Oil Change](#))
- EU construction policy must build in climate ambitions. ([META](#))
- Trilogue negotiations on the new framework for batteries started on 20 April. ([ECOS](#), [EEB](#))
- A [report](#) on critical raw materials and their integration into policies on extended producer responsibility and eco-design.

- Overlooking the emissions embodied in materials threatens any chance of meeting the 1.5-degree target. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Earth Day: How 'circular design' can reduce carbon emissions. ([WEF](#))
- EU lawmakers approve proposal to extend common charger to laptops and wearables in key vote in committee. ([Euractiv](#))
- Towards the smart circular economy paradigm: A definition, conceptualisation and research agenda. An [article](#).
- Up to 10 million chargers could be installed by 2035 if lawmakers step up CO₂ standards for cars in line with the EU's Green Deal. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- T&E and European electromobility associations call for a renewable energy directive that takes more account of electric power ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Research structure and trends of smart urban mobility. An [article](#).
- How the IPCC report goes against the EU's vision for shipping. ([Faig Abbasov](#))
- Our new artificial intelligence infrastructure: Stuck in an unsustainable future. An [article](#).
- Future shocks 2022: Addressing risks and building capabilities for Europe in a contested world. A [study](#).
- Politicising intergenerational justice: How youth actors translate sustainable futures. An [article](#).
- Recovering from the pandemic while coping with the climate and energy crisis. ([OECD Environmental Focus](#))
- Policy briefing: sustainable infrastructure. ([PRI](#))
- The extraterritorial impact of the proposed EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence. ([Luca Enriques and Matteo Gatti](#))
- Mandatory Sustainability Due Diligence in Europe: The Way Forward. ([Anne Lafarre](#))
- Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and the shifting balance between soft and hard law in the EU. ([Guido Ferrarini](#))
- European Union: Enabling investors to pursue sustainability goals. ([PRI](#))
- Five 'Monday morning priorities' for private equity investors looking to make progress on sustainability. ([WEF](#))
- Towards a European standard for green bonds: What is needed to be fit for purpose. ([Nikos Maragopoulos](#))
- The role of the financial sector in relation to biodiversity requires an integrated approach with climate. A new [study](#).
- Why is the COP15 on the Convention on Biological Diversity so important? ([Greenpeace](#))
- Circular economy can help stop biodiversity loss. ([UNCTAD](#))
- Climate crisis may lead to increase in smaller bees, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Protected areas do not always boost biodiversity: management is key. ([Wetlands International](#))
- Princeton academics accuse EU biofuel policy of harming climate targets. ([Euractiv](#))
- New NGO report: National strategic plans CAP will not deliver EU Green Deal. ([EEB](#))
- The EU must respond to Moscow's food diplomacy challenge. ([Benjamin Fox](#))
- War Ukraine offers palm oil comeback to horror of green groups. ([Politico](#))
- Sustainable cooling: an essential part of a just and equitable energy transition. ([Alan Miller and Ben Hartley](#))
- Half of the top ten countries most at risk from climate change are already in debt or at high risk of debt distress. ([IIED](#))

Activities

- 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 | Online | [From setting up energy communities to making them thrive: what are the tools available?](#)
- 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 | [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](#)
- 2022-04-05 | Online | [Insuring the net-zero transition: Evolving thinking and practices](#)
- 2022-05-04 | Online | [Regulating lock-in effects](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-05-05 | Online | [Climate Neutrality and Social Sustainability](#)
- 2022-05-10 | Online | [Due diligence and responsible sourcing: Can a common approach for all sectors work?](#)
- 2022-05-10 | Webinar | [Sustainable Finance Forum](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-05-16 | Hybrid | [Addressing international impacts of the Dutch circular economy transition](#)
- 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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