



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: [Nick Robins](#), [Dr. Jan Witajewski-Baltvilks](#) and [Robert Jeszke](#), [Ernest Urtasun](#), [Eric Maurice](#), [ETUI](#), [Adrian Joyce](#), [EuroNews](#), [Josep Borrell](#) and [Werner Hoyer](#), [IRENA](#), [Christian Zinglensen](#).
- Electricity market "not to blame for current crisis", concludes EU agency ([Euractiv](#))
- Warming in Europe reaches 2°C on average by 2021, EU data shows. ([Euractiv](#))
- The beginning of 2022 is the fifth warmest on record. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Commission announces [100 cities](#) to participate in EU mission for climate neutral and smart cities by 2030. ([POLIS](#))
- [META](#) on the ETS system.
- Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty. A [briefing](#).
- The 'Energy Charter Treaty' is fundamentally incompatible with EU law, study shows. ([ClientEarth](#))
- True cost of Big Oil's profits: Trillions in unpaid health and environmental costs. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- How to deploy heat pumps on a large scale - and quickly. ([Richard Lowes](#))
- The future of energy poverty. Will the Social Climate Fund be enough for a just transition? A [report](#).
- Sufficiency as a guiding principle for energy security and climate protection. A [report](#).
- Metals for clean energy. Ways to a solution for Europe's raw materials problem. A major [new study](#). ([Euromines](#), [Euractiv](#), [Cristina Brooks](#))

- Why renewable energy infrastructure must be built for a circular economy. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- European roadmap for 'on bill' building renovation. A [study](#).
- Lessons from EU energy renovation projects. An [article](#).
- Let's get sociotechnical: A design perspective on zero energy renovations. An [article](#).
- Our use of sand puts us "up against the wall", says UNEP report. ([UNEP](#), [The Guardian](#))
- German consortium launches "Battery Pass" project to support EU circular battery data. ([Innovation Origins](#), [Umicore](#))
- Ten lessons on governance and the circular economy. ([Jacqueline Kramer](#))
- Europe is not on track to halve non-recycled municipal waste by 2030. ([EEA](#))
- Improving working conditions in platform work. A [briefing](#).
- Why and how can fuel suppliers be required to absorb part of the EU's new carbon price? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- European ports become 'fit for 55'. A [briefing](#).
- Climate impact of flying may be two-thirds greater than thought. ([Euractiv](#))
- Digitalisation, sustainability and environmental justice. A [report](#).
- Requirements and strategies for data ecosystems serving sustainability. A [study](#).
- Investigating the potential of artificial intelligence in the digital age. A [briefing](#).
- Thousands of the most notorious chemicals will soon be banned in Europe, the Commission has announced. ([EEB](#), [The Guardian](#), [EuroNews](#), [META](#))
- Environmental crime directive. A [briefing](#).
- Protecting human health against climate change: Legislation, obligations and remedies in international law. An [article](#).
- Green Public Procurement: A neglected tool in the European Green Deal toolbox? ([Bruegel](#))
- The role of sustainable corporate governance in mandatory sustainability reporting. An [article](#).
- Facing up to sustainability risks: the EU should defend international standards ([Alexander Lehmann](#))
- Implementing the EU Taxonomy: An updated version of the PRI report 'Testing the Taxonomy'. ([PRI](#), [Jan Vandermosten](#))
- Companies need to take action now to measure and reduce their impact on biodiversity. ([EY](#))
- Tackling biodiversity loss with a circular economy: the role of business. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- How can we increase capacity for species conservation under the post-2020 global biodiversity framework? ([Gwen Maggs](#), [Helen D. Slater](#) and [Philip J.K. McGowan](#))
- One in five reptiles at risk of extinction would be a "devastating" blow. ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate change "already increases" risk of virus spreading between mammals. ([CarbonBrief](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Relentless destruction of rainforest continues despite COP26 pledge. ([The Guardian](#))
- What role can Europe's terrestrial and marine habitats play in carbon storage and sequestration? ([EEA](#))
- Global warming threatens most catastrophic extinction of marine life in 250m years ([The Guardian](#))
- UN says up to 40% of the world's land is now degraded. ([The Guardian](#), [Carbon Brief](#))
- Timmermans: scaremongering about food security 'unfair, irresponsible'. ([Euractiv](#))
- European organic movement calls for a systematic approach to carbon farming, recognising the multiple climate and environmental benefits of organic farming. ([IFOAM](#))
- Climate leadership needs more women. ([Yvonne Aki-Sawyers](#))
- Small solutions, big impacts: 5 community-based projects tackling climate change. ([UN News](#))

- Enhancing sustainability in EU FTAs: The case for a holistic approach. A new [report](#) from IEEP.

Activities

- 2022-05-02 | Webinar | [Efficiency-as-a-service: contractual framework, energy policy and property law](#)
- 2022-05-03 | Online | [Digitalisation and environmental justice at EU level](#)
- 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 | Online | [Insuring the net-zero transition: Evolving thinking and practices](#)
- 2022-05-04 | Online | [Regulating lock-in effects](#)
- 2022-05-04 | Webinar | [Critical approaches to the food-climate-migration nexus: a roundtable discussion](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-05-10 | Online | [EU ETS Review: A make or break decision for the climate](#)
- 2022-05-10 | Online | [The sustainable economy we need for Europe's resilience and a European Green and Social Deal](#)
- 2022-05-11 | Online | [Fossil gas in the EU Taxonomy CDA: breach of laws and non-respect of democratic processes?](#)
- 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 | Hybrid | [From a European to a Global Green Deal](#)
- 2022-05-12 – 2022-05-13 | Online | [Strategic and Sustainable Public Procurement: Making it Work for Crisis Recovery](#)
- 2022-05-13 | Hybrid | [Can the EU foster a global green transition? The international implications of achieving the EU Green Deal](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-05-17 | Webinar | [#EUCircularTalk: Measuring Circularity](#)
- 2022-05-17 | Hybrid | [A revised EPBD - Faster decarbonisation of the EU's building stock?](#)
- 2022-05-17 | Webinar | [EU Taxonomy implementation](#)
- 2022-05-20 | Online | [Using the law to save the planet](#)
- 2022-05-23 – 2022-05-25 | Hybrid | [DNC2022: Biodiversity - Stewardship for Vital Resources](#)
- 2022-05-24 | Online | [Renovating Europe's buildings – sharing the burden of energy efficiency and carbon savings costs](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-06-14 | Hybrid | [Climate and Energy Summit](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-10-27 | [Making sense of transitions in an age of crises: A new social contract for a new era](#)
- 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 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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