



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: [Jeffrey Frankel](#), [Andy Home](#), [Maria Pashtukova](#), [Eurelectric](#), [Transport & Environment](#).
- On 2 May, a meeting of [energy ministers](#) was held: [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Agata Łoskot-Strachota](#), [Georg Zachmann](#) and [Simone Tagliapietra](#), [Euractiv](#).
- EU proposes "complete ban" on Russian oil imports within six months. ([Euractiv](#), [Commission](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euractiv](#))
- [SMEunited](#) on 'Fit for 55'.
- [CAN Europe](#) and [Transport & Environment](#) on REPowerEU.
- Money time for EU carbon market reform in European Parliament. ([Euractiv](#))
- Interference in EU carbon market could have 'unintended consequences', says MEP. ([Euractiv](#))
- NGOs and green manufacturers urge MEPs to vote to end free pollution permits in the ETS system. ([Carbon Market Watch](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#))
- Review of the market stability reserve for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme: 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- [Eurelectric](#) response to the public consultation on certification of carbon removals.
- In the context of the EU carbon removal certification mechanism, [Bellona](#) proposes 3 basic principles that should guide the EU approach to CDR.
- Climate mainstreaming in the EU budget: update 2022. A [briefing](#).
- A report on climate laws in Europe. ([CAN Europe](#))

- What the climate crisis needs: the world's youth. ([SEI](#))
- Taking companies to court over climate change: who is the target? ([LSE](#))
- Hydrogen will be "pivotal element" in future economy, says EU climate leader. ([Euractiv](#))
- The road to green hydrogen certification - and the pitfalls to avoid. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU hopes to build on past experience to accelerate hydrogen market. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Commission](#) backs industry's pledge to increase EU hydrogen production capacity tenfold ([Euractiv](#))
- REPowerEU Energy Savings Plan: Time to move to action. ([BPIE](#))
- Position paper on the proposal to recast the directive on the energy performance of buildings ([CAN Europe](#))
- The sufficiency-based circular economy - an analysis of 150 companies. An [article](#).
- Textiles and environment. A [briefing](#).
- [MEPs](#) want to reduce harmful chemicals in waste.
- Enough raw metals to make 14 million electric cars worldwide by 2023 - study. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Lowering the ambition of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR) could lead to a significant setback in achieving the European Green Deal targets. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Put cars on the road to zero emissions. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- [Letter](#) from POLIS and Eurocities to the European Commission about EURO 7/VII.
- New research ranks the 12 best ways to reduce car use in cities. ([EnergyPost](#))
- Technical report on railway traction technologies. ([EIB](#))
- Revision of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) regulation. A [briefing](#).
- Digital technology's impact on the climate should be five times more positive than the total digital footprint by 2030. A new [study](#).
- The EU's zero pollution ambition: Towards a non-toxic environment. A [briefing](#).
- All Europeans are exposed to chemicals ([VITO](#)).
- EU citizens can sue countries for polluted air harmful to health, says top court adviser. ([Euractiv](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- Climate legislation biting: an introduction to access to justice. ([META](#))
- Securing Europe's future beyond the energy sector: Tackling the business and technology gap. ([McKinsey](#))
- Is GDP taking us beyond our planetary boundaries? ([META](#))
- Recovery and resilience plans: stakeholder engagement and vision. A [briefing](#).
- EU body prepares draft standards for sustainability disclosure. ([EFRAG](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [EUReporter](#), [SPARK](#))
- Progress on corporate transparency in Europe. ([GRI](#))
- The case of missing shareholders in the proposed Corporate Social Responsibility Directive. ([Marleen Ochs](#))
- The proposal for a directive on 'Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence': The position of the board of directors and the non-executive director ([Daniela Weber-Rey](#))
- Improving sustainability due diligence in the governance of EU companies. ([E3G](#))
- European sales of green, social and sustainable bonds could reach €1.6 trillion by 2026. A new study. ([Reuters](#))
- Obstacles on the road to green capital markets. ([Euractiv](#))
- Investors struggle with sustainability in short selling strategies. ([IPE](#))
- Geneva conference on biodiversity inches towards post-2020 global framework. ([IISD](#))
- Restoring biodiversity must be an integral part of Europe's energy transition. ([BirdLife](#), [CAN Europe](#))

- Forests and trees can help us recover from multiple crises, says new FAO report. ([FAO, UNFCCC](#))
- Fighting the trade in illegal timber: A comparative study of legal frameworks. ([CIEL](#))
- Land use and soil sealing with asphalt, concrete or buildings in Europe's urban areas increased between 2012 and 2018. ([EEA](#))
- Companies contribute to the Paris Agreement for nature. ([WEF](#))
- MEPs massively support organic farming but ignore Farm to Fork target. ([Euractiv](#))
- NGOs call on EU to choose food over fuel. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Europe needs more, not less, nature to overcome the looming food crisis. ([Janez Potočnik](#))
- How the failure to reform food systems allowed the war in Ukraine to trigger a third global food price crisis in 15 years, and what can be done to prevent the next one. ([IPES Food](#))
- World hunger at record high in 2021, says report. ([Politico](#))

Activities

- 2022-05-09 | Online | [Enabling Sustainable Lifestyles in a Climate Emergency](#)
- 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 | Webinar | ['Overriding Public Interest' to speed up permitting procedures for RES and grids?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-05-13 | Online | [The role of AI in achieving sustainability in cities](#)
- 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 | [A new European innovation agenda](#) | [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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