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- 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: [Christoph Gran and Jonathan Barth](#), [Joseph Majkut](#), [Nikos Tsafos and Ben Cahill](#), [The Guardian](#), [Thomas Pellerin-Carlin](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Eurima](#), [Harry Verhaar and Monica Frassoni](#), [Carne Ross](#), [Politico](#), [George Monbiot](#), [IDDRI](#), [Paul Hockenos](#).
- More than 100 business leaders call on EU to strengthen energy security by accelerating green transition ([CLG](#), [ReNews.Biz](#))
- Urgent action needed for resilient energy transition amid severe global challenges. A new [report](#) by WEF.
- On 18 May, the Commission proposes the RePowerEU plan. ([Euractiv](#), [E3G](#), [Power Technology](#))
- [CAN Europe](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Transport & Environment](#) en [Carbon Market Watch](#) on some parts of Fit for 55, ahead of important discussions in EP environment committee.
- Export subsidies are a "red line" in negotiations on EU carbon tariffs, says an EU official. ([Euractiv](#))
- Price collar would preserve "political stability" of EU carbon market. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU carbon market must lead to faster emissions cuts to tackle climate crisis, new research shows ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- EU's "politically-driven" carbon market needs more transparency, analysts agree ([Euractiv](#))
- EU lawmakers strike compromise on carbon market review. ([Euractiv](#))

- The 1.5°C climate limit is close to being exceeded, scientists warn. ([WMO](#), [UN News](#), [The Guardian](#), [Politico](#))
- The world's largest fossil fuel companies plan dozens of oil and gas projects with a "carbon bomb". ([The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#))
- EU Commission considers higher renewable energy target for 2030. ([Euractiv](#), [Power Technology](#))
- Renewable energy will break a new global record in 2022, despite headwinds from higher costs and supply chain bottlenecks. ([IEA](#), [EnergyPost](#))
- Governments risk \$340 billion in legal claims for restricting oil and gas projects, research shows. ([Climate Home News](#))
- What could a sustainable Europe look like in 2050? ([EEA](#))
- Why justice must prevail as the world shifts to clean energy ([WEF](#))
- What do we mean when we talk about energy citizenship? ([Jacques Delors Institute](#))
- How a street can share a geothermal heat pump. ([David Barns](#))
- Patents for green hydrogen technology are on the rise. ([IRENA](#))
- Revision of the regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases. A [briefing](#).
- Experts urge reconsideration of energy metrics to make buildings completely carbon-free. ([Euractiv](#))
- Ministers for environment not for industry must take the lead in new ecodesign regulations, environmental NGOs warn. ([EEB](#))
- Pioneers of the future: the countries leading the way with circular economy policies. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Chemical recycling must not undermine the creation of a truly circular economy. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- New EU legislation threatens to promote "downcycling" of plastic bottles, industry warns. ([Euractiv](#))
- Recycling and circular economy - towards a closed loop for metals in emerging clean technologies. An [article](#).
- Switching to EVs does not solve road dust pollution - it may even make it worse. ([Euractiv](#))
- On 11 May, the EU Parliament's environment committee voted on revising CO₂ standards for cars and vans. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Transport emissions pricing instruments. A [briefing](#).
- Review of the Eurovignette directive. A [briefing](#).
- Too few companies pledge to fly less, new company rankings show. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Open letter calling for electrification of new corporate fleets by 2030. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- How to ensure green hydrogen uptake in shipping. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Important vote for the future of clean aviation. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- [EARTO](#) and [Orgalim](#) on a new European innovation agenda.
- Understanding green innovation: A conceptual framework. An [article](#).
- No time to lose: EU focuses on vocational skills for green transition. ([Margaritis Schinas and Nicolas Schmit](#))
- Social protection and decent work - using an integrated approach for a people-centred recovery and sustainable development. ([Mira Bierbaum](#))
- Leading Member of the European Parliament calls for strong labour protection in the Platform Workers Directive. ([Euractiv](#))
- Conservatives prepare to fight against Platform Workers Directive, unite with industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- A not-so-just transition? Why the Social Climate Fund needs access to justice. ([META](#))

- State of play of social economy financing in the EU. ([Euractiv](#))
- Exploring the moral challenges of confronting high carbon behaviour: The role of emotions and media coverage. An [article](#).
- From growth to donut: Towards a multi-faceted EU economy. ([META](#))
- Donut economy: how to bake a better future. ([META](#))
- Shortcomings in corporate sustainability legislation "could put people, planet and climate at risk". ([Transport & Environment](#))
- How can we re-energise Europe? An end to fossil fuels and the corporate sustainability due diligence directive. ([Ewan McGaughey](#))
- Sustainability assurance in the context of the CSRD directive. ([Accountancy Europe](#))
- How to make EU tax rules compatible with net zero. ([CER](#))
- The Netherlands says it will become the first government to make green bonds compatible with EU standards. ([Reuters](#), [ESG Today](#))
- Overview of European sustainable finance labels. ([Novethic](#))
- 7 sustainable finance challenges to address global inequality. ([WEF](#))
- UN high-level conference discusses precious commodity: Land. ([UN News](#))
- World "at a crossroads" in drought management, up 29% in a generation and worsening, says UN ([UNCCD](#))
- Why companies should care about sustainable land use - and actions they can take to protect it. ([WEF](#))
- Agrobiodiversity is essential for achieving land degradation-neutrality goals and combating climate change. ([CGIAR](#))
- Scientists answer top questions on deforestation. ([WWF](#))
- War Ukraine threatens to cause food and energy crisis Africa, says UN official. ([Euractiv](#))
- Nearly 25 million tonnes of grain stuck in Ukraine, says UN food agency. ([Euractiv](#))
- Investing in small farmers, agroecology crucial to get out of current food crisis. ([Joseph Mandinyenya and Ruchi Tripathi](#))
- A fair and green CAP and trade policy in the EU and beyond. ([Part 1](#) – [Part 2](#))
- EU not on track to reduce antibiotics in animal husbandry, say campaigners. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU agencies postpone glyphosate review to mid-2023. ([Euractiv](#))
- Millions of tonnes of dead animals: the growing scandal of fish waste. ([The Guardian](#))
- What rich countries gain from helping poor countries recover from climate disasters. ([Taylor Timsdale](#))
- The Commission uses flawed and late Sustainability Impact Assessments for EU trade agreements, says a [new Greenpeace study](#).

Activities

- 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](#)
- 2022-05-31 | Online | [RE-VALUE- Realizing circularity in the tech industry](#)
- 2022-06-01 | Webinar | [The role of sustainable finance in the Decade of Action](#)
- 2022-06-01 | Hybrid | [Fit for 55: The Road Ahead](#)
- 2022-06-02 | Hybrid | [IRU/EU Conference, Fit for 55: The Road Ahead](#)
- 2022-06-09 – 2022-06-10 | [Civil Society Forum for Sustainability - Shaping the European Green Deal](#)
- 2022-06-09 – 2022-06-12 | [The New European Bauhaus Festival](#)
- 2022-06-14 | Hybrid | [Climate and Energy Summit](#)
- 2022-06-14 | Hybrid | [Implementing the National Recovery and Resilience Plans](#)
- 2022-06-14 | Online | [Green ICT - How can the digital sector accelerate the green transition?](#)
- 2022-06-15 | Hybrid | [Rethinking our Disposable Society: how to build a circular economy](#)
- 2022-06-16 | Webinar | [Biodiversity: the next big area in green finance](#)
- 2022-06-16 – 2022-06-17 | [European Organic Congress 2022](#)
- 2022-06-21 | Online | [European bioeconomy's role in reaching the EU Green Deal targets](#)
- 2022-06-21 | Hybrid | [Reducing European methane emissions – The potential of EU livestock](#)
- 2022-06-30 | Hybrid | [Global Trends in Climate Litigation](#)
- 2022-09-26 – 2022-09-30 | Hybrid | [European Sustainable Energy Week](#)
- 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 | [European Semester Spring Package](#)
- 2022-06-07 | [Joint Communication on international ocean governance](#) | [Draft general budget](#)
- 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](#)
- 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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