



## 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: [Euractiv](#), [E3G](#), [Ciarán Cuffe](#), [Xavier Sol](#), [Dan Jørgensen and Kadri Simson](#), [Jürgen Fischer](#), [Oliver Rapf](#).
- Four key climate change indicators break records in 2021. A new report by the WMO. ([WMO](#), [The Guardian](#), [EuroNews](#))
- Breaking climate pledges would be "monstrous self-harm", warns COP26 president ([The Guardian](#))
- Greenhouse gases EU economy above pre-pandemic levels. ([Eurostat](#), [Politico](#))
- The Commission presented the plans for RePowerEU on 18 May. Preliminary reactions: [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [E3G](#), [Eurofer](#), [CAN Europe](#), [EP Briefing](#), [ACEA](#), [Hydrogen Europe](#), [Green 10](#). The proposal: [Commission](#). Reactions afterwards: [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Politico](#), [Greenpeace](#), [FoEE](#), [CEO](#), [Bruegel](#), [REScoop](#), [Ecos](#), [Global Witness](#), [WWF](#), [EEB](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Cefic](#), [EGEC](#), [BEUC](#), [Bellona](#), [H2 View](#), [CLG](#), [EUASE](#), [Wind Europe](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [EPSU](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Oil Change](#), [Eurofer](#), [ETUC](#), [Eurocities](#), [EASE](#), [Ocean Energy Europe](#), [Housing Europe](#).
- Berlin calls for a minimum price of €60 in EU carbon markets. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Environment Committee of the European Parliament (ENVI) voted on 16 and 17 May on half of the texts of the 'Fit for 55' package. Preliminary reactions: [Euractiv](#), [Social Europe](#), [WWF](#), [Politico](#), [The Climate Group](#), [WWF](#), [Transport & Environment](#). Result of the vote: [EP](#), [EP](#). Reactions after the vote: [Euractiv](#), [WWF](#), [Cepi](#), [Politico](#), [Ertico](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Carbon](#)

[Market Watch](#), [Offshore Energy](#), [CER](#), [WWF](#), [WWF](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#), [Business Europe](#), [META](#).

- How to maximise the social benefits of climate action. A new [report](#) by CAN Europe.
- How 12 key industries can reduce their emissions in line with 1.5°C. ([Carbonbrief](#))
- Germany, Denmark, Netherlands and Belgium sign pact for offshore wind worth €135 billion. ([Euractiv](#))
- Germany presents 'work plan' for energy efficiency to reduce demand for fossil fuels. ([Euractiv](#))
- Netherlands bans fossil fuels from 2026 and makes heat pumps mandatory. ([Euractiv](#))
- European electricity markets for consumers and the climate. ([E3G](#))
- Study shows early closure of fossil fuel production plants can prevent climate chaos. ([Oil Change](#), [The Guardian](#), [EuroNews](#))
- An overview of the current status and post-pandemic prospects of third generation biofuels. An [article](#).
- The role of renewable ammonia in reducing dependence on gas. ([IRENA](#))
- TEN-E: Council gives green light to new rules for cross-border energy infrastructure ([Council](#))
- Namibia comes to Europe to sell its sunshine. ([Euractiv](#))
- Europe comes closer to withdrawal from the 'Energy Charter Treaty'. ([Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Putting an end to energy waste: How building insulation can reduce fossil fuel imports and increase the EU's energy security. A new study. ([BPIE](#))
- Upcoming Czech EU Presidency will focus on green building legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Enabling consumer choices for a circular economy. A new [briefing](#) from the EEA.
- WorldGBC launches Circularity Accelerator - a pioneering global programme to promote circular and regenerative built environments. ([WorldGBC](#), [Edie](#))
- Circular economy is key to accelerating net zero transport. ([WEF](#))
- The circular economy: how it can put us on the path to real change. ([WEF](#))
- New restrictions on waste exports threaten to hamper recycling in Europe, industry warns. ([Euractiv](#))
- A new report shows that the climate strategies of the world's biggest car makers undermine a 1.5°C transition to zero-emission vehicles. ([Influence Map](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Intelligent road transport systems. A [briefing](#).
- Research for the TRAN Committee: Transport emissions pricing instruments. A [briefing](#).
- Alternative fuels in transport: targets for the provision of recharging and refuelling infrastructure. A [briefing](#).
- US, EU to step up coordination on semiconductor supply. ([Euractiv](#))
- Improving working conditions in platform work. ([Solidar](#))
- A Just Transition Manifesto to save the Green Deal. ([IndustriAll](#))
- Greening with jobs and a just transition. ([ILO](#))
- Why net zero without a just transition is not an option. ([WEF](#))
- The European added value of the Recovery and Resilience Facility. ([CEPS](#))
- Pollution is still responsible for about 1 in 6 deaths worldwide, scientists say. ([The Lancet](#), [EuroNews](#), [The Guardian](#))
- The hidden health effects of Europe's dependence on fossil gas ([HEAL](#))
- More than 3,000 potentially harmful chemicals found in food packaging. ([The Guardian](#))
- Corporate sustainability due diligence: Can value chains integrate human rights and environmental considerations? A [briefing](#).
- Access to justice crucial in corporate due diligence directive, say stakeholders. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Eurelectric](#) and [CIDSE](#)'s position on the Commission's proposal for 'Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence'.

- Towards a binding treaty on business and human rights: Despite progress, no end result in sight. A [briefing](#).
- Time to take the reality of climate risk seriously. ([PWC](#))
- Climate risks and sustainability risks of banks. ([Andrea Miglionico](#))
- The construction and real estate sector is responsible for a large share of the environmental emissions from banks' lending and lending-related activities. A tool to accelerate its greening. ([Green Finance Platform](#))
- Update on EU tax rules. A new [report](#) by ZOE.
- Social taxonomy risks death by neglect by the Commission. ([Euractiv](#))
- The taxonomy debate continues: [Greenpeace](#), [Reuters](#)
- Purpose and practice: How capital markets can create a sustainable future. ([WEF](#))
- Five ways to promote insurance solutions for biodiversity. ([Green Finance Platform](#))
- The world is at its boiling point: humanity must redefine its relationship with nature, says a new report. ([SEI](#), [The Guardian](#))
- COP15: Negotiations must come out of the shadows. ([Social Europe](#))
- Record number of dams removed from rivers in Europe by 2021. ([The Guardian](#), [EuroNews](#))
- Nature conservation is not an obstacle to renewables. ([META](#))
- Why we need a common approach to tackle biodiversity loss, desertification and climate change. ([Reuters](#))
- Common Agricultural Policy support for landowners not actively engaged in farming has had indirect negative effects on farming communities, a new EU study shows. ([Euractiv](#))
- MEPs call for CAP biodiversity requirements to be paused amid war in Ukraine. ([Euractiv](#))
- Agriculture sector cautious about using CAP funds to reduce Russian energy imports. ([Euractiv](#))
- Reducing Europe's dependence on fertiliser and animal feed through the CAP. ([IEEP](#))
- Sustainable development goals at risk due to cuts in overseas aid. ([Modern Diplomacy](#))
- European Green Deal diplomacy. ([E3G](#))

## Activities

- 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](#)
- 2022-05-24 | Online | [Taxonomy CDA: Implications on financial markets and the role of fossil gas in EU green transition](#)
- 2022-05-24 | Online | [The European Green Deal: enhancing the resilience of EU society to face future shocks and contribute to a healthy planet](#)
- 2022-05-24 | Webinar | [Ambition and climate solidarity: what role for the law? First lessons from the IPCC](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-05-31 | Hybrid | [Halting biodiversity loss through the circular economy](#)
- 2022-05-31 | Hybrid | [Advancing circular trade: Next steps for the EU and its partners](#)
- 2022-06-01 | Webinar | [The role of sustainable finance in the Decade of Action](#)
- 2022-06-01 | Hybrid | [Fit for 55: The Road Ahead](#)
- 2022-06-01 | Hybrid | [Towards a Circular Economy: Competences for Youth](#)
- 2022-06-02 | Hybrid | [IRU/EU Conference, Fit for 55: The Road Ahead](#)

- 2022-06-02 | [Green skills in the eyes of European businesses](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-06-28 | Online | [Shaping the CAP - How to ensure food security and green ambitions in times of crisis](#)
- 2022-06-29 – 2022-06-30 | [A future-proof European Green Deal. Overcoming crises, increasing ambition](#)
- 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

- 2022-06-07 | [Draft general budget](#)
- 2022-06-15 | 2022 Strategic Foresight Report
- 2022-06-22 | [Joint Communication on international ocean governance](#) | [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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