The European Green Deal
We want to reconcile our economy with our planet, and make it work for our people.

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

- On 2 and 3 June, the Stockholm+50 conference took place. (ENB briefing, E3G, Climate Home News)
- The sustainability movement is 50. Why are world leaders ignoring it? (Nature)
- On 30 and 31 May there was a meeting of the European Council. Comments in advance: Politico, Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv, Briefing. The results of the meeting: Conclusions. Reactions afterwards: Politico, Euractiv, Politico, Greenpeace.
- Reactions on RePowerEU: Sandbag, Wind Europe, Carbon Market Watch, Global Witness.
- On 7 June, the European Parliament will debate and vote on a number of key elements of the 'Fit for 55' package. Briefings on parts: Review ETS, Revision Effort Sharing Regulation, Revision ETS: Aviation, CBAM, LULUCF, Emission standards cars and vans, Social Climate Fund. Comments: Transport & Environment, Transport & Environment, CAN Europe, Carbon Market Watch, Euractiv, Julia Poliscanova.
- The Council took a position on some parts of 'Fit for 55'. Council, Transport & Environment.
- Europe must use its Putin-proof energy plans to breathe new life into climate action. (Richard Black)
- Leaders must choose a just energy transition and a social Europe. (Laszlo Andor and Mikael Leyi)
- Current policies will lead to "catastrophic" climate breakdown, former UN leaders warn. (The Guardian, The Guardian)

- Continued decline in EU greenhouse gas emissions confirms 2020 target has been met. ([EEA](), [Euractiv]())
- Climate spending in EU budget 2014-2020 - Not as high as reported. A new report by the European Court of Auditors. ([ECA](), [Euractiv]())
- Greenhouse gas removal 'no panacea to achieve net zero'. ([The Guardian]())
- How much "protection" does EU industry really need? ([CAN Europe]())
- Interaction with statistics for the European Green Deal. ([Eurostat]())
- Net-zero targets delayed by fossil fuel investors suing governments. ([Energy Post]())
- Austria's new hydrogen strategy wants no use for heating and transport. ([Euractiv]())
- REPowerEU may be thwarted by high material costs, insufficient European solar production. ([PV Tech](), [PV Magazine]())
- Five ways to boost the transition to renewable energy. ([WEF]())
- How rooftop PV can help turn the gas valves off. ([Seda Orhan]())
- EU heat pumps: warnings against "one size fits all" policies. ([Helen Farrell]())
- Dynamic versus static life cycle analysis of energy renovation for residential buildings. An [article]().
- We need to radically rethink how we design. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation]())
- Civil society plea to MEPs: higher CO_2 targets for cars are essential for energy independence and environment. ([Transport & Environment]())
- How the Buildings Directive can enable people to charge their vehicles where they live and work. ([Transport & Environment]())
- Europe's road transport needs to switch to sustainability. A new [report]() from the EEA.
- Stranded engines: How EVs can save the value of car manufacturers. A new [study]().
- Cities want to reduce car use in bid to eliminate air pollution. ([Euractiv]())
- Do subsidies for e-bikes increase sales, change habits and reduce emissions? ([Lucas Davis]())
- [ERRIN opinion]() on the revision of the guidelines for the trans-European transport network (TEN-T).
- European airlines fail to meet climate commitments. A new [study]() by Greenpeace.
- More ambitious European carbon market could reduce aviation emissions by another 53%. A new study. ([Carbon Market Watch](), [Transport & Environment]())
- ReFuelEU Aviation Initiative: Summary of the Commission proposal and the draft report by the Parliamentary committee. A [briefing]().
- T&E on ReFuelEU. ([Transport & Environment](), [Transport & Environment](), [Transport & Environment]())
- European shipowners and T&E warn that proposed EU shipping legislation could do more harm than good. ([Transport & Environment]())
- Alliance for green data centres cracks down on water consumption target. ([Euractiv]())
- Social justice in the European Green Deal. A [new study]().
- The Green Deal ambition: Technology, creativity and art for a sustainable environment. A [new study]().
- According to a new study, the war in Ukraine and the pandemic will accelerate the transition to green energy in Europe. ([Ember](), [Reuters]())
- EU proposal to reduce deliberate pollution from microplastics postponed by a full year. ([EEB]())
- Here are all the positive environmental stories of 2022 so far. ([Euronews]())
- ESG gap widens: EU rules become more prescriptive while US proposals wait in the wings. ([Reuters]())
- ESMA shall provide supervisors with guidelines on the integration of sustainability risks and disclosures in the area of asset management. ([ESMA]())
- Why central banks should be concerned about natural loss. ([Green Finance Platform]())
- Experts tell European Central Bank to adopt lower rates for green loans. ([Positive Money]())

- [Digital Europe](#) on the taxonomy.
- War-time transitions in Europe. (Hans Stegeman - [Part 1](#) - [Part 2](#))
- What do we know today about the organisation of the COP15 biodiversity conference? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Nearly half of Earth's land needs 'conservation attention' to halt biodiversity crisis ([The Guardian](#), [Phys](#))
- Conserving and enhancing forest biodiversity in Europe. A new [study](#).
- New biodiversity report paves the way for nature-positive business models. ([WWF](#))
- Glyphosate does not cause cancer, says EU committee. ([Euractiv](#))
- Weedkiller glyphosate harms wild bee colonies, study shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Report: Covid-19 slows progress towards universal energy access. ([UN](#))
- War in Ukraine hits most vulnerable Africans with high aid costs. ([Euractiv](#))
- African Union and EU agree joint food security position as famine warns ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#))
- EU steps up efforts to debunk Putin's food security propaganda. ([Euractiv](#))

Activities

- 2022-06-07 | Webinar | [Ensuring access to strategic resources: The role for the circular economy](#)
- 2022-06-08 | Online | [Labour markets post-COVID: Are we emerging greener and more inclusive? Ministerial Panel](#)
- 2022-06-09 | [The Green Deal as a solution to our crisis-riddled times](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-06-10 | Online | [A green recovery: Empty rhetoric or a just transition? - Eurodad's 2022 Conference](#)
- 2022-06-13 | Webinar | [How does the competitive European industry contribute to climate neutrality?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-06-15 | [From Low to Zero Emission: How to decarbonise urban and peri-urban mobility?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-06-30 | Webinar | [The potential of European Standards to support the European strategy towards a Green and Sustainable Environment](#)
- 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 (tbc): 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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