



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

- After the European Parliament voted down a proposal to reform the ETS ([Carbon Market Watch](#)) system, a new compromise was found between the major political groups. ([Euractiv](#))
- The use of auction proceeds from the EU ETS for climate action - Technical report. ([EcoLogic](#))
- EU leader announces reorganisation of electricity market due to "sky-high" prices. ([Euractiv](#))
- Why the EU should split its electricity market. ([Mike Parr](#))
- The EU must urgently unite behind proposals for a clean energy boom ([Pawel Czystak and Pieter de Pous](#))
- Towards a net-zero energy system. ([Zsuzsanna Pató](#))
- The future role of gas in a climate neutral Europe. A [new study](#).
- For energy independence, the EU must think bigger than REPowerEU. ([Rafael Pinto](#))
- How to address the risks of underfunding for the REPowerEU proposal. ([Andreas Eisl](#))
- A letter to finance ministers. Proposal to finance RePowerEU. ([CAN Europe](#))
- The EU coronavirus recovery fund has a new raison d'être: energy independence. ([Jorge Liboreiro](#))
- [Eurobarometer](#): Europeans set defence and energy autonomy as top priorities for 2022.
- There was little progress in the climate negotiations in Bonn. ([ENB](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#))
- 10 EU countries warn of softening ambition in climate legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Social climate fund: 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- Covid-19 made COP26 the COP of the fossil fuel companies and the Global North - COP27 should be for the Global South. ([SEI](#))

- UN Secretary-General says climate crisis puts half of humanity in "danger zone". ([Euronews](#), [UN News](#))
- The von der Leyen European Commission halfway through: Same priorities, different reality. ([EPC](#))
- European Green Deal in turbulent times: where are we? ([META](#))
- Building on the results of Stockholm+50: Science for action and accountability. ([SEI](#))
- Three transformative actions from Stockholm+50. ([META](#))
- How EU member states are using carbon market revenues to subsidise fossil fuels. ([Isa Mulder](#))
- 'Fit for 55' package: Reducing methane emissions in the energy sector. A [briefing](#).
- Renewable hydrogen rules: how the EU and the industry shot themselves in the foot. ([Marta Lovisolo](#))
- The production of RFNBO requires strict criteria to limit emissions, reduce dependence on fossil fuels and prevent rising energy prices for consumers. ([CAN Europe](#))
- REN21 published a study on the global state of renewable energy sources in 2022. ([REN21](#), [DW](#), [UNEP](#))
- Next-generation solar farms that work at night, in the rain, and clean themselves. ([EnergyPost](#))
- A defining moment for Europe and the European solar industry. ([Solar Heat Europe](#))
- Spanish MP: solar thermal energy needs "at least trebled" by 2030. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU is put to the test as governments focus on energy efficiency. ([Euractiv](#))
- Eradicating energy poverty is at the heart of the EU's future resilience: alleviating it now must be a key social policy priority. ([EESC](#))
- Austria bans gas boilers in new buildings from 2023. ([Euractiv](#))
- An Energy Charter Treaty that works for clean investments. ([E3G](#))
- Legislator calls for "neighbourhood" approach in revised EU building law ([Euractiv](#))
- In-depth renovation: Shift from exception to standard practice in the EU. A [new report](#).
- Identifying behavioural factors in the decision-making process of energy-efficient renovations: Dutch homeowners. An [article](#).
- Ecological design for sustainable products. A [briefing](#).
- Crisis due to resource dependency can trigger sufficiency measures. ([META](#))
- A systematic literature review on the introduction of the circular economy in the construction sector: a policy perspective. An [article](#).
- A framework of circular business models for fashion and textiles: the role of business model, technical and social innovation. An [article](#).
- Industry, the circular economy, improving regulation and going beyond. ([IEEP](#))
- Promoting circular trade: next steps for the EU and its trading partners. ([IEEP](#))
- Trade for an inclusive circular economy: a framework for collective action. ([IEEP](#))
- Trade for an inclusive circular economy. ([Chatham House](#))
- New report on public transport research and innovation in Europe. ([Eltis](#))
- French car industry calls ban on internal combustion engine cars "industrial destruction". ([Euractiv](#))
- "The energy transition will not happen without a transport transition." ([Rana Adib](#))
- New EU standard should reduce vehicle pollution to lowest achievable level, say cities and civil society organisations ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Spain wants to become world leader in sustainable mobility. ([Euractiv](#))
- Renault is betting on the end of car ownership in cities. ([Euractiv](#))
- Broad coalition of industry and NGOs calls for EU quota for hydrogen in shipping. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- European Parliament rejects consolidated text of digital services act. ([Euractiv](#))

- Digital revolution will be an "ecological catastrophe" without change, warns MEP. ([Euractiv](#))
- Air pollution worsens during lockdown in many countries, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Illegal delay flattens high hopes for microplastics restriction. ([META](#))
- The world's population will lose 17 billion life years to air pollution, according to shocking new research. ([Euronews](#))
- The Council takes measures to ensure that the green [transition](#) is fair and inclusive.
- The Council adopts a recommendation to stimulate [learning for the green transition](#) and sustainable development.
- Solidarity, sustainability and well-being at the heart of the EU mission. ([EPC](#))
- Recovery plans: MEPs call for wise use of money, democratic oversight. ([EP](#))
- Taxonomy was voted in a committee of the European Parliament: [Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [Reuters](#), [Euractiv](#), [ECOS](#), [Greenpeace](#), [EP](#), [WWF](#), [Euronews](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euractiv](#).
- How policymakers can implement reforms for a sustainable financial system. ([PRI](#))
- Why climate change must be included in a reformed EU budget framework. A new report. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Euro most resilient to climate change, yuan most vulnerable: Barclays. ([Euractiv](#))
- Banking group accused of exploiting loopholes and "greenwashing" climate pledge. ([The Guardian](#))
- The Commission is likely to propose the long-awaited nature protection package next week. ([CEO](#))
- EU plans law to reverse decades of biodiversity loss ([Euractiv](#))
- New report: Strengthened enforcement of EU nature laws. ([BirdLife](#))
- CBD COP15 Policy Brief: Beyond 30x30 ([Greenpeace](#))
- Can climate change and biodiversity loss be tackled together? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Electricity sector tries to reconcile climate action with efforts to restore biodiversity. ([Eurelectric](#))
- EU makes little progress on milestones for a healthy ocean by 2030. ([ClientEarth](#), [WWF](#))
- Mix of tar and microplastics is new form of pollution, scientists say. ([The Guardian](#))
- New Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) plans ignore climate reality and biodiversity crisis ([BirdLife](#), [EEB](#))
- Commission defends pesticide reduction law against opposition from EU countries. ([Euractiv](#))
- How the energy crisis is exacerbating the food crisis. ([IEA](#))
- Agroecology gets a central place on the global agenda for transforming agricultural and food systems. ([IATP](#))
- How the EU can help stop the attack on the Amazon forest. ([Marcio Astrini](#))
- Africa must abandon gas exploration to avert climate disaster, experts warn. ([The Guardian](#))
- WTO goes green as climate change impacts trade. ([Euractiv](#))
- New coalition of trade ministers offers hope for climate at WTO. ([E3G](#))

Activities

- 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](#)
- 2022-06-21 | Online | [Rural futures: ensuring the EPBD leaves no one behind](#)
- 2022-06-21 | Webinar | [Solar Heating and Cooling Markets and Industry Trends](#)
- 2022-06-23 | Webinar | [Food security and sustainability: two sides of the same coin?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-07-05 | Online | [Offshore wind: the green energy panacea with some hurdles](#)
- 2022-07-05 | Hybrid | [Green public investment after COVID-19](#)
- 2022-07-12 | Hybrid | [Fit for 55: Empowering energy consumers for a more sustainable and resilient Europe](#)
- 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

- 2022-06-22 | [Joint Communication on international ocean governance](#) | [Nature protection package \(tbc\)](#): - Sustainable use of pesticides – revision of the EU rules / - Protecting biodiversity: nature restoration targets | [Review of trade and sustainable development](#)
- 2022-06-29 | [2022 Strategic Foresight Report](#)
- 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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