



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 27 and 28 June, there were meetings of [energy](#) and [environment](#) ministers. Political agreement was found on key elements of the 'Fit for 55' package. Preliminary reactions: [Euractiv](#), [Cornelia Ernst](#), [Marisa Matias and Sira Rego](#), [WWF](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [WWF](#). Results: [Council 27 juni](#), [Council 27 juni](#), [Council 28 juni](#), [Council 28 juni](#), [Council 28 juni](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#), [CLEPA](#), [UNEP](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Euractiv](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Transport & Environment](#).
- Is REPowerEU the right energy policy recipe to move away from Russian gas? ([Bram Claeys](#), [Jan Rosenow and Megan Anderson](#))
- Green Peace: How Europe's climate policy can survive the war in Ukraine. ([Susi Dennison](#))
- Academician: Integrated EU electricity market is "cheapest option" for transition to net-zero. ([Euractiv](#))
- Energy transition "only possible with a European approach", says German TSO. ([Euractiv](#))
- Reactions to the new agreement on the ETS reached in the European Parliament last week: [Benjamin Görlach](#), [Michael Pahle and Nils aus dem Moore](#), [Railway International](#), [PWC](#).
- Fears for EU climate ambitions as countries try to water down proposals. ([Euractiv](#))
- Distribution of European Green Deal efforts among countries. An [article](#).
- How can the European Union adapt to climate change? A [report](#) by Bruegel.
- Climate Change and Energy Transition: The End of Coal? A [briefing](#).
- Fossil fuel industry faces wave of climate lawsuits. ([The Guardian](#), [Report](#))

- NGOs call for more renewables for hydrogen production. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Renewable heating "has not yet realised its potential", says EU official. ([Euractiv](#))
- Berlin asks anxious heat pump industry to produce 500,000 a year. ([Euractiv](#))
- There is an agreement on the Energy Charter Treaty. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [CAN Europe](#), [IISD](#))
- Germany, Italy push G7 to weaken pledge to cut overseas gas funding ([Climate Home News](#))
- German politician Scholz backs G7 countries idea of "climate club". ([Euractiv](#))
- Will fossil fuel heating become a fossilised technology? ([META](#))
- Urban wind: an alternative for sustainable cities. An [article](#).
- Industrial prefabrication solutions for building renovation. ([BPIE](#))
- Strategies to improve the environmental and economic performance of buildings: An exploratory study of 37 scenarios for residential buildings. An [article](#).
- Circular economy in the European building sector: An overview of strategies for implementing building renovation. An [article](#).
- European consumer goods companies adopting a circular business model see extending the life of products through repair, resale, refurbishment and recycling as an opportunity for growth rather than a threat. ([McKinsey](#))
- How unlocking 'hidden value' can help start-ups in the transition to a circular economy. ([WEF](#))
- Green transport and cleaner mobility are essential to meet climate targets. ([WEF](#))
- Biofuels twice as expensive as diesel. A report. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Plug-in hybrids lose low-carbon status as EU reassesses how green they really are. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EU regions with car manufacturers push for "just transition" support scheme. ([Euractiv](#))
- Memorandum of understanding signed on the study "Smart and affordable high-speed services in the European Union. ([CER](#))
- MEPs vote to broaden the definition of "sustainable aviation fuels". ([Euractiv](#))
- Schiphol becomes world's first airport to cap flights to reduce emissions. ([Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Running ships on renewable hydrogen has almost no impact on the price of consumer goods, from sports shoes to televisions. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Why a just transition is crucial for transformative climate action. ([WEF](#))
- The carbon border tax will stimulate the steel transition in the EU. ([Henrik Henriksson](#))
- CAN Europe's recommendations for the transformation path for the [steel industry](#).
- CAN Europe's recommendations for the transformation path for the [chemical industry](#).
- Revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive. A [briefing](#).
- Establishment of an Industrial Emissions Portal. A [briefing](#).
- The second [European Green Deal Barometer](#) has been published.
- Climate change plays a clear role in many extreme events, but social factors also play a role, research shows. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Pollution exposure causes 10% of all cancers in Europe. A new [report](#) by the EEA. ([Euronews](#))
- Exceeding air pollution limits pose a challenge to health systems in the EU. ([Euractiv](#))
- Many European schools and hospitals are threatened by heat waves and floods: How can vulnerable groups be protected from climate change? A [report](#) by the EEA.
- [Accountancy Europe](#), [Eurogroup for Animals](#) on CSRD.
- [EEB position](#) on the EU economic governance framework.
- [Janez Potočnik](#), [META](#), [Teresa Ribera](#), [Bas Eickhout](#), [Christophe Hansen](#), [Linea Sjøgaard-Lidell](#), [Paul Tang](#) and [Silvia Modig](#), [EIPA](#) on taxonomy. Next week there is an important vote on it in the [European Parliament](#).
- [Finance Watch](#) launches ground-breaking net-zero report.

- Here's how to mobilise finance for a just transition and net-zero. ([WEF](#))
- Negotiations in Nairobi for a new international framework for biodiversity achieved little. ([CBD](#), [ENB](#), [Euractiv](#), [Greenpeace](#), [WWF](#), [IFAW](#), [Geneva Solutions](#), [IUCN](#), [Climate Home News](#), [The Guardian](#), [Carbon Brief](#), [Nature](#), [IISD](#), [BirdLife](#))
- Biodiversity: Parliament urges ambitious policy in Commission debate ([EP](#))
- Towards COP 15: Aligning business action with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and 2030 action targets. ([WBCSD](#))
- International ocean governance: The EU's contribution to charting the course for a blue planet. ([Commission](#))
- UN envoy calls for agreement to protect oceans. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- WOAH chief: Protecting the environment is key to human and animal health. ([Euractiv](#))
- Six guiding principles for EU agriculture policy to halt biodiversity loss. ([Phys](#))
- Far less chemical fertiliser still yields high crop yields, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Glyphosate has no place in the future of EU agriculture. ([Slow Food](#))
- Agricultural potential in carbon sequestration. A [briefing](#).
- Hidden soya, hidden violence, hidden pollution. ([WWF](#))
- Agriculture, food and war in Ukraine. A new [report](#) by CIDSE.

Activities

- 2022-07-05 | [REPowerEU: wat is de impact voor Vlaanderen?](#)
- 2022-07-05 | Online | [Offshore wind: the green energy panacea with some hurdles](#)
- 2022-07-05 | Hybrid | [Green public investment after COVID-19](#)
- 2022-07-05 | Online | [Design turns ambition into action](#)
- 2022-07-05 | Online | [Border Carbon Adjustment in the EU: Launch of Report on Indirect Emissions in the EU CBAM](#)
- 2022-07-08 | Webinar | [Webinar on the 'Green Claims' from the Market](#)
- 2022-07-12 | Hybrid | [Fit for 55: Empowering energy consumers for a more sustainable and resilient Europe](#)
- 2022-07-12 | Online | [Sustainable Finance Forum](#)
- 2022-07-12 | webinar | [Bioeconomy: a driver for the European Green Deal?](#)
- 2022-09-16 | Hybrid | [The State of the European Green Deal: Quo vadis EGD?](#)
- 2022-09-26 – 2022-09-30 | Hybrid | [European Sustainable Energy Week](#)
- 2022-09-29 | Hybrid | [Green bonds – State of play. What is in it for transition?](#)
- 2022-10-10 – 2022-10-12 | [The European SDG Summit](#)
- 2022-10-11 – 2022-10-13 | [SBE22Delft Conference: Preparing for the European Renovation Wave](#)
- 2022-10-26 | Hybrid | [The matrix: sustainable reporting requirements](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-11-30 | [Welke competenties voor een winnend team? Kansen voor jongeren](#) | [Quelles compétences pour une équipe gagnante ? Opportunités pour les jeunes](#)

Commission documents

- 2022-07-05 | [A new European innovation agenda](#)
- 2022-09-13 | [Forced labour products ban](#)

- 2022-09-28 | [Adapting liability rules](#) - Artificial intelligence liability directive / - Revision of the product liability directive | [Social pillar implementation](#) - Strengthening social dialogue in the European Union (tbc) / - Recommendation on minimum income / - Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work
- 2022-10-12 | [Development of post-Euro 6/VI emission standards for cars, vans, lorries and buses](#)
- 2022-10-18 | [2023 Commission Work Programme](#)
- 2022-10-26 | [Zero pollution package](#) - Integrated water management – revised lists of surface and groundwater pollutants / - Revision of EU ambient air quality legislation / - Review of the urban wastewater treatment directive / - Revision of the classification, labelling and packaging of chemicals regulation
- 2022-11-30 | [Circular economy package II](#) - Proposal for a Regulation on substantiating environmental claims using the product/ organisation environmental footprint methods (green claims) / - 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 / - Measures to reduce the release of microplastics in the environment / - Sustainable consumption of goods – promoting repair and reuse (the right to repair) | [Climate package](#) - Carbon removal certification / - Review of the CO2 emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles



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