BRIEFING | **European Green Deal |** Issue 115 | 15 July 2022

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

- EU parliamentary groups unite behind 14.5% energy savings target for 2030 (Euractiv, Climate Home News)
- EU lawmakers sign up to 45% renewable energy target in response to war in Ukraine. (Euractiv, EP, EUASE, Transport & Environment)
- LEAK: EU drafts plan to reduce gas consumption ahead of uncertain winter. (Euractiv)
- Towards carbon neutrality through an ambitious transformation of the EU energy system. A briefing.
- Between crises and decarbonisation: adapting EU climate and energy policies to the new "state of the world". A report. (EUI)
- META and IEEP on the French and Czech presidencies.
- Fact check: No, global warming has not 'paused' in the last eight years. (CarbonBrief)
- COP27 summit should focus on how world will adapt to climate change, says UN envoy. (The Guardian)
- Revision of the Effort Sharing Regulation for the period 2021-2030: "Fit for 55" package. A briefing.
- CBAM: implications for climate and competitiveness. A briefing.
- EU business community shows "sympathy" for moratorium on green laws. (Euractiv)
- Ukraine pledges green commitments at EU meeting in Prague. (Euractiv)
- Renewable energy remains cost-competitive during fossil fuel crisis. A new report from IRENA.

- The colour of democracy is green: Why a clean energy transition is also vital to safeguarding freedom. (WEF)
- Over the rainbow: The role of hydrogen in a clean energy system, explained. (Climate Home News)
- With its eyes closed, EU industry faces a reckoning on energy efficiency. (Euractiv)
- Report: Increased emissions from coal return 'negligible'. (Euractiv, Beyond Coal)
- EPSU on the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Berlin unveils emergency plan to meet climate targets in building sector. (Euractiv)
- What is a "just transition" and what should be the main priorities for Europe to ensure that this transition takes place? (BPIE)
- Building a just transition policy out of fossil fuel misery (Eloi Laurent)
- New publication: "Circular buildings: building a sustainable future."
- How a digital product passport can strengthen the European circular economy. (CLG)
- A common charger for electronic devices: Review of the Radio Equipment Directive. A briefing.
- Bellona on the Sustainable Products Initiative.
- EU lawmakers vote to blacklist soy biodiesel over sustainability concerns. (Euractiv)
- The rise of electric cars is shifting the use of biofuels to other transport sectors. (Euractiv)
- An EU deadline is needed for polluting buses. (James Nix)
- Aviation's contribution to EU climate action: Review of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme in aviation. A briefing.
- EU institutions agree on governance framework for digital transition. (Euractiv)
- EU needs 10 years to stop dangerous use of chemicals. A new study. (EEB)
- UN General Assembly should support the right to a healthy environment. (Inger Andersen)
- The EU must be the driving force behind the SDGs. (Jessica Polfjärd and Tomas Tobé)
- The impact of COVID-19 on the environmental impact of our lifestyles and on environmental concerns. An article.
- EU finally demands transparency from companies on their harmful environmental impacts. (WWF)
- Four steps to make economic development sustainable, resilient and inclusive. (LSE)
- How investors can promote decent work. (PRI)
- How to mobilise finance for a just transition and net-zero. (Nick Robins)
- Realising the full potential of sustainable finance: The role of national, European and international initiatives. (EPC)
- Integrating climate change into private markets: A guide for investors. (PRI)
- Banks are not prepared for climate risks, stress test shows. (Euractiv, Julia Symon)
- What is "Phase Down Finance" and why it is better than disinvestment to achieve a low-carbon economy. (WEF)
- Call for feedback on the Platform for Sustainable Finance's draft report on minimum guarantees. (Commission)
- Finance must tackle the growing water crisis. Here's how. (WEF)
- Humans must value both nature and profit to survive, says UN report. (IPBES, The Guardian)
- Urgent action needed for nature to save sustainable development goals: UN report. (UNEP)
- Nature-based solutions: How can they work for climate, biodiversity and people? (CarbonBrief)
- Climate change: new rules for companies to stop EU-driven global deforestation (EP, WWF)
- Enforcement of EU law: The protection of forests and biodiversity, from complaint to court. (Fern)
- Indigenous peoples' message gets through to those in power in the EU. (Nicole Polsterer)
- Campaign groups warn of "great uncertainties" in the reform of agri-statistics. (Euractiv)

- Understanding loss and damage: Addressing the inevitable consequences of climate change. A briefing.
- Climate adaptation bill for African countries dwarfs health spending. (The Guardian)
- A just transition: How can we fairly allocate climate responsibility? (Club of Rome)

Activities

- 2022-09-07 | Webinar | Digitally enabled renewable energy communities: The role of citizens in the clean energy transition
- 2022-09-12 | Webinar | The potential of European Standards to support the European strategy towards a Green and Sustainable Environment
- 2022-09-14 – 2022-09-15 | EEAC Annual Conference
- 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
- 2022-12-13 – 2022-12-14 | Annual High Level Expert Forum for Sustainable Finance (HLEF)

Commission documents

- 2022-07-20 | Energy - winter preparedness
- 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
- 2022-11-22 | European Semester autumn package
- 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) |

<u>Climate package</u> - Carbon removal certification / - Review of the CO2 emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles

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