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### General

- The European Commission presented the <u>European Green Deal</u> proposal (<u>communication +</u> <u>roadmap</u>) on 11 December 2019.
- The European Council of <u>12 December 2019</u> confirmed the principle of climate neutrality.
- The European Parliament on 15 January 2020 adopted <u>a resolution</u> 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 Friday 9 September, there was a special <u>meeting of energy ministers</u>. The Commission prepared 5 proposals in response to high energy prices and the Member States are working on their positions. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Bloomberg</u>, <u>Politico</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Politico</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>, <u>E3G</u>, <u>Politico</u>, <u>Politico</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Commission</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Axel Ockenfels</u>, <u>Martin Rossen</u>, <u>Politico</u>, <u>Politico</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>, <u>BEUC</u>, <u>Daniel Gros</u>)
- Russian oil price limit gets support from G7, but level to be determined. (Euractiv)
- The world is on the verge of five 'catastrophic' climate tipping points, research shows. (<u>The</u> <u>Guardian</u>)
- G7 companies fail to deliver on Paris climate targets, despite EU leading the way. (Euractiv)
- Oil and gas multinationals exaggerate green performance: analysis. (<u>Influence Map</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>, <u>The Guardian</u>)
- Some key elements of the 'Fit for 55' package are on the table at the <u>EP plenary session</u> starting on 12 September. These include the renewable energy and energy efficiency framework. (<u>Greta Thunberg</u>)
- Revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive: 'Fit for 55' package. A <u>briefing</u>.
- Energy citizenship: European communities working towards a low-carbon future (<u>The</u> <u>Guardian</u>)
- Gearing EU budget policy towards the energy transition. A <u>study</u> by E3G.
- Accelerating the European renewable energy transition. A study by LUT University. (<u>Study</u> <u>Annex</u>)

- Thanks to solar energy, the EU could avoid importing gas worth 29 billion euros this summer. (Euronews)
- Global employment in the energy sector rises above pre-Covid levels, thanks to clean energy and efforts to strengthen supply chains. A new report from the IEA. (<u>IEA</u>, <u>Climate Home</u> <u>News</u>)
- Marie-Laure Falque Masset on <u>'energy sufficiency'</u>.
- Revision of the TEN-E regulation: EU guidelines for new energy infrastructure. A <u>briefing</u>.
- Heating with hydrogen could double consumer bills, warns report. (Euractiv)
- The environmental movement on the 'myths' about biofuels. A <u>briefing</u>.
- EU biomethane policy could make history repeat itself. (<u>Chelsea Baldino</u>)
- Aluminium, sulphur and salt batteries. Cheaper than lithium-ion, for homes and EV charging stations. (EnergyPost)
- Using things longer: Does the shift to a circular economy have a simple solution? (WEF)
- Circular economy guidelines for the textile industry. An article.
- Building resilience: the impact of the circular economy on global trade and supply chains (Ellen MacArthur Foundation)
- MEPs scratching the surface over the status of platform workers. (Euractiv)
- Increasing demand for transport in Europe leads to higher emissions from heavy duty vehicles. (<u>EEA</u>)
- <u>Commission</u> calls for better application of EU environmental rules to protect public health and the environment.
- The UN has recognised the right to a healthy environment as a universal human right. (META)
- What if care work was recognised as an engine for sustainable growth? A briefing.
- A European care strategy for carers and care recipients. (<u>Commission</u>)
- MEPs and activists call for stricter rules on corporate accountability. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Corporate</u> <u>Justice</u>)
- Due diligence legislation: the good and the bad sides of European regulations to limit corporate impunity. (<u>Equal Times</u>)
- EU Climate Change Due Diligence in the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence proposal. (<u>IEEP</u>)
- EU parliament fights over sustainability criteria for insurance sector. (Euractiv)
- <u>BirdLife</u> on the taxonomy.
- Civil society organisations tell central banks to "do what it takes" on climate. (<u>Green Central</u> <u>Banking</u>)
- Is the EU's fiscal framework adapting to climate change? (<u>Isabelle Brachet</u>)
- European soils offer potential for stronger climate action. (EEA)
- Nutrient flows on European farms: Too much of a good thing? (META)
- Emissions from European forest fires reach highest level since 2007. (Euractiv)
- Towards deforestation-free commodities and products in the EU. A <u>briefing</u>.
- Farm certification schemes can make the CAP greener. (Euractiv)
- The role of small farms in the EU food system. A briefing.
- Shorter, cooler transports needed to protect animals during transport, says EU agency. (Euractiv)
- Improving the quality of investments in the adaptation of African agriculture. (E3G)
- Rich countries must make reparations to climate disaster countries, says Pakistani minister. (<u>The Guardian</u>)
- African leaders denounce European no-shows at climate adaptation summit (<u>Climate Home</u> <u>News</u>, <u>Euronews</u>)
- Investment treaty regime needs reform to support climate action. (UNCTAD)

## Activities

- 2022-09-12 | Webinar | <u>The potential of European Standards to support the European</u> <u>strategy towards a Green and Sustainable Environment</u>
- 2022-09-13 | Webinar | <u>Just Nature: How finance can support a just transition at the</u> interface of action on climate and biodiversity
- 2022-09-14 2022-09-15 | <u>EEAC Annual Conference</u>
- 2022-09-15 | Webinar | <u>How can cities decarbonise urban logistics through Public-Private</u> <u>Partnerships?</u>
- 2022-09-16 | Hybrid | <u>The State of the European Green Deal: Quo vadis EGD?</u>
- 2022-09-20 2022-09-22 | Scaling up the energy transition whilst securing a stable supply
- 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?
- 2022-09-29 | <u>Duurzaamheidsgegevens van bedrijven: hoe Europese verslaggeving invoeren?</u>
  <u>Les données sur la durabilité des entreprises : comment mettre en œuvre le reporting européen ?</u>
- 2022-10-05 | Metals and Transition
- 2022-10-10 2022-10-12 | <u>The European SDG Summit</u>
- 2022-10-11 2022-10-13 | <u>SBE22Delft Conference: Preparing for the European Renovation</u> <u>Wave</u>
- 2022-10-17 | Online | The EU green deal status update: checking in on Fit for 55
- 2022-10-26 | Hybrid | <u>The matrix: sustainable reporting requirements</u>
- 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 | <u>Transport Innovation Summit 2022</u>
- 2022-11-29 2022-12-02 | <u>Sustainable Future Summit</u>
- 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 | <u>Annual High Level Expert Forum for Sustainable Finance</u> (HLEF)

### **Commission documents**

- 2022-07-20 | Energy winter preparedness
- 2022-09-13 | Forced labour products ban
- 2022-09-28 | <u>Adapting liability rules</u> Artificial intelligence liability directive / Revision of the product liability directive | <u>Social pillar implementation</u> 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 | <u>Development of post-Euro 6/VI emission standards for cars, vans, lorries and buses</u>
- 2022-10-18 | 2023 Commission Work Programme
- 2022-10-26 | <u>Zero pollution package</u> 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 | <u>Circular economy package II</u> 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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