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 warned of 'patchwork' of taxes to ease energy crisis (Euractiv)
- EU countries want exemption from revenue cap on electricity. (Euractiv)
- Europe prepares for energy crisis this winter. (Euractiv)
- European governments spend €500bn to deal with energy crisis: report. (Bruegel, Euractiv)
- EU considers oil price cap, more high-tech export restrictions in new Russia sanctions. (Euractiv)
- EU ready to adjust its climate target 'in due course'. (Euractiv)
- International 'cooperation gap' threatens to undermine climate progress and delay 'net zero' by decades. A new report from the IEA.
- The clean energy economy is gaining ground, but greater efforts are now needed to get on track to net zero by 2050. (IEA)
- Germany pushes for EU alliance on energy transition technologies. (Clean Energy Wire)
- 'Polluters must pay': UN chief calls for windfall tax on fossil fuel companies (The Guardian, Climate Home News)
- UN climate chief Simon Stiell: 2030 is just two Olympic finals away. (Climate Home News)
- Five burning climate issues for the UN General Assembly in 2022. (Climate Home News)
- Tipping points: how might they shape the world's response to climate change? (CarbonBrief)
- Living on the edge: tipping points changing geopolitics. (E3G)
- EU could achieve climate neutrality a decade ahead of schedule - New report from Climate Analytics. (CAN Europe)

- Green Deal Barometer: second edition. (IEEP)
- Halfway through the Green Deal - where do we stand? (META)
- Guterres: 'global addiction to fossil fuels' must end and a 'revolution in renewables' must get underway. (UN News)
- Burning the world's fossil fuels can produce 3.5tn tonnes of greenhouse gases. (The Guardian, Carbon Tracker)
- US can dodge European carbon tax at border, says EU Timmermans (Euractiv)
- Mapping EU institutions' positions on carbon market reform. (Carbon Market Watch)
- Carbon capture is a risky pathway for decarbonisation: 13 flagship projects assessed. (Bruce Robertson)
- A guide to solving the EU's hydrogen dilemmas. (IFRI)
- Client Earth, E3G on the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Worldwide 12.7 million jobs in renewable energy. A new study by IRENA. (IRENA, Euractiv, ILO)
- New study reveals critical skills bottleneck to install Europe's solar energy needs. (SolarPower Europe)
- Programmes to prepare workers for the transition to clean energy can build on lessons from existing programmes, new IEA report says. (IEA)
- IEA: The energy sector is failing women in terms of employment, pay, career development and gender equality. (IEA)
- Accelerating electric infrastructure: an integrated approach to decarbonisation is essential. (WBCSD)
- 10 ways to make the energy system sustainable, secure and equitable. (META)
- Critical minerals: Responsible supply chains for a sustainable future. (Fatih Birol)
- Indicators for the circular city: A review and proposal. An article.
- Europe must set the bar high for packaging reuse systems to reduce waste. (Delphine Lévi Alvarès)
- Children as young as nine say sick from work in plastic recycling in Turkey. (The Guardian)
- How several countries are working together to end plastic pollution by 2040. (WEF)
- Revising the Waste Framework Directive - How can EU legislation be revised to align with the political ambition and commitment of the European Green Deal? (Zero Waste Europe)
- Fuel producers denounce EU focus on electric vehicles during energy crisis (Euractiv)
- What the European Parliament vote means for the Renewable Energy Directive. (Transport & Environment)
- European Environment Report on Aviation 2022: sustainability crucial for long-term viability of the sector. (EEA)
- EU draft green aviation fuel threatens to worsen emissions: study. (Euractiv)
- EU governments give shipping €20bn exemption from carbon market. (Transport & Environment)
- Innovation in mobility payments keeps people moving while protecting the planet. (WEF)
- Electric scooters - a new solution for urban mobility? (EP Thinktank)
- The ozone layer has passed a "major milestone" as harmful chemicals decline by 50%. (Euronews)
- According to a study, air pollution increases the risk of hospitalisation for autistic children. (The Guardian)
- WHO air quality guidelines: one year on, what has changed? (META)
- Harvard study reveals social media as the new frontier of climate deception and delay. (Greenpeace, Euronews)
- Consumer protection for the green transition. A briefing.
- Mapping ecosocial policy mixes for a just transition in Europe. (ETUI)

- Europe needs a strategy and decisive action to avert a social, industrial and climate emergency. (IndustriAll)
- The chairperson's guide to a just transition. (WEF)
- Digitalisation and changes in the world of work. A briefing.
- The importance of 'green skills': how can we create a future that works for everyone? (WEF)
- A new European innovation agenda. A briefing.
- Ukraine needs sustainable, climate- and nature-friendly reconstruction: New WWF/BCG report. (WWF)
- 4 ways ESG reporting is changing the way successful companies operate. (WEF)
- Four environmental groups have launched a lawsuit against the taxonomy of sustainable investments. (Euractiv, WWF, Euronews, Greenpeace, E3G, Transport & Environment, Client Earth)
- European central bank will give companies climate score when buying bonds. (ECB, Euronews)
- Is the European financial system ready for climate risks? (E3G)
- Financing adaptation: the price tag of the new normal. (E3G)
- ESMA responds to EU Commission on recent developments in energy derivatives markets. (ESMA, Euractiv)
- Inflation and the ecological transition: A European perspective. (Part 1 - Part 2)
- Finance ministers should develop a biodiversity finance policy. (ESG Clarity)
- New biodiversity commitments announced as world leaders declare nature summit COP15 a priority. (WWF)
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- EU wastes 153 million tonnes of food a year - far more than it imports, report says (The Guardian, EEB, META)
- Tackling industrial emissions from large agro-industrial operations. A briefing.
- Protecting European green agricultural policy for future food security. (Nature)
- A small number of large companies dominate the global food chain, research shows. (The Guardian)
- The role of local governments in shaping local food systems. An article.
- Peace building in the age of war ecology. (Laurence Tubiana)
- Denmark becomes first country to pledge 'loss and damage' funding. (Climate Home News, The Guardian)
- Vulnerable countries demand global tax to pay for climate-induced loss and damage. (The Guardian)

Activities

- 2022-09-26 – 2022-09-30 | Hybrid | European Sustainable Energy Week
- 2022-09-27 | Webinar | A sustainable future for European cities: Addressing citizens' wishes
- 2022-09-27 | Opengela Replication workshop: get inspired by the Basque One-Stop-Shop!
- 2022-09-29 | Hybrid | Green bonds – State of play. What is in it for transition?
- 2022-09-29 | Duurzaamheidsgegevens van bedrijven: hoe Europese verslaggeving invoeren? - Les données sur la durabilité des entreprises : comment mettre en œuvre le reporting européen ?
- 2022-09-29 | Local Integrated Home Renovation Services: how to make them viable?
- 2022-10-04 | Webinar | Energy efficient buildings – HORIZON EUROPE
- 2022-10-05 | Metals and Transition
- 2022-10-06 | Better integrating the EU's Green Deal and Pillar of Social Rights

- 2022-10-10 – 2022-10-12 | The European SDG Summit
- 2022-10-11 | Hybrid | The Strategic Nexus Between Climate Change, Energy and Geopolitics
- 2022-10-11 | Hybrid | Winter is coming: How to shield the most vulnerable and preserve the consensus on the war
- 2022-10-11 – 2022-10-13 | SBE22Delft Conference: Preparing for the European Renovation Wave
- 2022-10-12 | Online | Reducing industrial fossil gas demand in Europe - What are the next steps?
- 2022-10-13 | Webinar | The Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive: Opportunities and Challenges
- 2022-10-17 | Online | The EU green deal status update: checking in on Fit for 55
- 2022-10-24 | Online | District heating in the EU - What lies ahead?
- 2022-10-25 | Sustainable tax system: towards a green future
- 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
- 2022-10-27 | Online | Launch event: Sustainable Finance Research Forum
- 2022-10-27 | Hybrid | How to ramp up hydrogen production & speed up the steel industry's transition, while navigating an unprecedented energy crisis?
- 2022-11-09 – 2022-11-10 | Hybrid | Transport Innovation Summit 2022
- 2022-11-14 | A just green transition and a competitive Union: fair and effective taxation for a new era
- 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
- 2022-12-07 | Online | EU Energy transition - What role for critical raw materials?
- 2022-12-13 – 2022-12-14 | Annual High Level Expert Forum for Sustainable Finance (HLEF)

Commission documents

- 2022-09-28 | Adapting liability rules - Artificial intelligence liability directive / - Revision of the product liability directive | Social pillar implementation - 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
- 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) | Climate package - Carbon removal certification / - Review of the CO2 emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles

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