



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

- There was a special meeting of [energy ministers](#) on Friday 30 September. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- The EU continues to work on a new sanctions package for Russia. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Views on tackling the energy crisis: [Sebastian Mang](#), [Bernd Weber](#), [Simona Benedettini](#) and [Carlo Stagnaro](#).
- Investing in energy efficiency: if not now, when? ([Monica Frassoni](#))
- [Ecofin on 4 October](#) will discuss climate finance in preparation for COP27 ([CAN Europe](#))
- Gap to 1.5°C widens as most governments fail to meet UN deadline for improving climate plans ([Climate Home News](#))
- COP27: Egyptian hosts urge leaders to put aside tensions over Ukraine. ([The Guardian](#))
- How AI systems can help meet Europe's energy saving goals. ([David Wallerstein and Philippe Benoit](#))
- Energy saving and demand reduction. A [briefing](#).
- How smart cities are helping residents save energy. ([Euronews](#))
- Flexibility in the energy sector could cut consumer bills by €71 billion, a study shows. ([Euractiv](#))
- Finding solutions to the root cause of the energy crisis. A letter from [SolarPower Europe](#) to energy ministers.
- How community-led renewables can help solve the energy crisis. ([Euractiv](#))
- Protecting renewables from societal backlash. ([META](#))

- A bonfire of environmental standards will not accelerate renewable energy deployment in 'go-to areas'. ([Bruna Campos, Carla Freund, Cosimo Tansini and Sanjeev Kumar](#))
- Lawmakers move closer to "frontloading" the EU carbon market to lower energy prices. ([Euractiv](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Doubling electricity interconnection is the European peace project for this decade ([Bas Eickhout, Martin Hojsik, Sirpa Pietikäinen and Ville Niinistö](#))
- More renewable energy means big changes in electricity grids. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Huge expansion of oil pipelines puts climate at risk, says report. ([The Guardian](#))
- Energy crisis will accelerate transition to green fuels, says head of renewables agency. ([Euronews](#))
- The Nord Stream pipeline explosions highlight the vulnerability of fossil fuels. ([Climate Home News](#))
- European [Commission](#) and industry leaders launch industrial partnership for biomethane
- Energy crisis forces more ambition in EU green building legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Building expert: Policymakers use 'short-sighted' subsidies to deal with energy crisis. ([Euractiv](#))
- Delaying and watering down housing renovations is short-sighted and unfair to citizens. ([Oliver Rappf](#))
- Ahead of a winter energy crisis, the EU should cut plastic production. ([CIEL](#))
- Endangered chemical elements are a major risk to the world - here's why. ([WEF](#))
- France and Germany outline priorities for upcoming EU raw materials act. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Commission](#) takes action to reduce single-use plastic waste.
- Towards greater circularity of plastics. A briefing. ([IEEP](#))
- Electronics industry backs shared vision to accelerate transition to circularity. ([WBCSD](#))
- Net-zero, circular transition in road transport. A briefing. ([IEEP](#))
- Embracing the messy reality of innovation in the circular economy. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- A circular economy metric to determine sustainable resource use, illustrated with neodymium for wind turbines. An [article](#).
- Enabling green innovations for the circular economy: What factors matter? An [article](#).
- Delegated act that will define renewable hydrogen and e-fuels. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Pay €2 to greenwash a flight to New York with UN aviation regulation. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Investment scenario and roadmap for achieving Green Deal aviation targets by 2050. A [study](#).
- Average carbon dioxide emissions from new cars registered in Europe fell 12% in 2020, final data shows. ([EEA](#))
- Global emissions from car manufacturers 50% higher than reported. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Prague has launched a Mobility-as-a-Service app. ([Eltis](#))
- EU unlikely to meet noise target by 2030. ([EEA](#))
- Urban green space can reduce the impact of global warming in cities, a study shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Industrial policy is not a relic of the past, but the key to winning the green energy race. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- [PRI](#) on the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDD).
- When will climate disclosure impact decarbonisation? ([EY](#))
- Is the European Union's (EU) Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) effective in shaping sustainability objectives? An analysis of the behaviour of investment funds. An [article](#).

- The green politics of the European budget debate. ([E3G](#))
- Climate budgeting: A discussion between investors and sovereign debt issuers. ([PRI](#))
- How European pension funds advocate for sustainable financial policies. A [report](#) by InfluenceMap.
- Do European green bonds really promote a green transition? ([The Rift](#))
- [ClientEarth](#) on taxonomy.
- Research shows Bitcoin's climate impact is greater than that of gold mining. ([The Guardian](#))
- What is the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) and why is it important for nature? ([WEF](#))
- Embattled biodiversity plan gets billions in funding. ([Nature](#))
- Reason for optimism at COP15 - but can Bolsonaro scuttle the deal for nature? ([The Guardian](#))
- To stem biodiversity loss, development cooperation must be rethought. ([Stockholm Resilience Centre](#))
- Member states denounce Commission plans to reduce pesticide use. ([Euractiv](#))
- Addressing social and environmental side effects in the fertiliser sector. ([IEEP](#))
- Researchers with vested interests lobby to undermine GMO safety rules. A [report](#) by CEO.
- NGOs sign letter asking European Commission to develop law on sustainable food system. ([Food Matters](#))
- Q&A: Should developed countries pay for 'loss and damage' from climate change? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Egypt puts 'loss and damage' at top of UN climate summit agenda. ([Euractiv](#))
- Every two days someone dies defending the environment. The EU must act. ([Mary Lawlor](#))
- 'Top 1%' of polluters caused nearly a quarter of global emissions since 1990. ([CarbonBrief](#))

Activities

- 2022-10-04 | Webinar | [Energy efficient buildings – HORIZON EUROPE](#)
- 2022-10-05 | [Metals and Transition](#)
- 2022-10-05 – 2022-10-07 | Online | [OECD Forum on Green Finance and Investment](#)
- 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 | Online | [Women to the forefront of the energy transition!](#)
- 2022-10-11 – 2022-10-13 | [SBE22Delft Conference: Preparing for the European Renovation Wave](#)
- 2022-10-11 – 2022-10-14 | Hybrid | [ClientEarth Summit 2022](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-10-13 | Hybrid | [Enabling the EU hydrogen economy – How to make it happen?](#)
- 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 | Hybrid | [What is the future of the EU's energy sector?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-11-28 | Online | [Community-led initiatives and the European Green Deal](#)
- 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

- 2022-10-12 | [Development of post-Euro 6/VI emission standards for cars, vans, lorries and buses](#) | [2023 European year of Skills](#)
- 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 / - Sustainable consumption of goods – promoting repair and reuse (the right to repair) / - Carbon removal certification



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