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

- There was a special [meeting of heads of state and government](#) on Friday, 7 October. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [EP Briefing](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Following the meeting of energy ministers on 30 September, work continued on proposals to tackle the energy crisis ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#)).
- There was an [Ecofin](#) meeting on Tuesday, 4 October. ([Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Views on tackling the energy crisis: [Dimitar Lilkov](#), [CEPS](#), [Digital Europe](#), [Joe Lo](#).
- The COP27 climate change conference. A [study](#).
- Pre-COP27: climate negotiations in a "deep" multilateral crisis ([Euractiv](#)).
- Fluorinated greenhouse gases. A [briefing](#).
- Fossil fuels: Is the world on track to leave behind coal, oil and gas production? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The Commission is working on new rules for certifying carbon removals, to be published by the end of November 2022. [CEO](#) responds.
- Clearing up the fog around heavy industry's carbon market claims. ([Agnese Ruggiero and Camille Maury](#))
- Power-to-heat: how German industry can reduce its hunger for gas. ([Euractiv](#))
- The rise of renewable energy has prevented 230 million tonnes of CO_2 emissions so far this year. ([Euronews](#))
- Solar industry unites behind supply chain sustainability initiative. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- "Soil batteries": Solar energy may one day be stored in the ground beneath our feet. ([Euronews](#))

- Copenhagen will fail to meet its 2025 net-zero target: a case study of how promises fail. (Kirstine Lund Christiansen and Inge-Merete Hougaard)
- Berlin launches process to inspire EU-wide biomass strategies. (Euractiv)
- Insulation expert: 'Heat pumps alone are not enough'. (Euractiv)
- Policy instruments for energy-efficient renovations at district level. An article.
- The new European Bauhaus, 'soul' of the EU Green Deal. (Euractiv, Climate-KIC)
- Towards resource consumption within planetary limits. (IEEP)
- EU ministers challenge Commission's 'green products' regulation. (Euractiv)
- The EU's upcoming "digital product passport" will include packaging, says an official. (Euractiv)
- New EU proposals for smartphones and tablets need updating and adjustment. (META)
- Three ways sustainability policy is not serving the SDGs - and how it can. (IISD)
- Social and environmental spillovers from the transition to a circular economy in the EU. (IEEP)
- By 2035, only 2% of the EU's car fleet can run on 'E-fuel'. (Transport & Environment, Euractiv, Julia Poliscanova)
- NGOs warn of weaknesses in EU battery legislation. (Transport & Environment)
- Recycling of lithium in battery regulation. (Transport & Environment)
- A green and sustainable strategy for recycling lithium from spent batteries. (Science)
- MEPs want car charging points every 60 km (EP)
- The crucial role of smart electric transport in tackling the energy crisis (SmartEn)
- Assessing the potential of the COVID-19 pandemic for more climate-friendly work-related mobility. An article.
- FuelEU Maritime: What to expect from Parliament vote (Transport & Environment)
- Toxic air pollution particles found in lungs and brains of unborn babies. (The Guardian)
- Can Europe lead a just transition? (Solidar)
- Where is the social in the European Green Deal? (Bela Galgóczi)
- Due diligence law will promote global competition of systems, German minister says. (Euractiv)
- A climate-aligned EU directive on corporate sustainability due diligence. (E3G)
- Survey shows Chinese companies are concerned about EU proposal on due diligence. (Euractiv)
- Accounting for whom? The financialisation of the environmental economic transition. An article.
- Top EU banks are exposed to $239bn in fossil fuel assets (Euractiv, Finance Watch)
- IMF says swift action to produce 25% less greenhouse gases by the end of the decade will cost less than doing nothing (The Guardian)
- Towards social sustainability: a social taxonomy. (Social Europe)
- COP15 is an opportunity to save nature. We cannot afford another decade of failure. (Phoebe Weston)
- World leaders not invited to crucial UN summit on biodiversity. (Climate Home News, The Guardian)
- Climate change made extreme drought in Europe 20 times more likely, scientists say. (Politico, The Guardian, CarbonBrief)
- Sustainable carbon cycles: Promoting disposal, storage and recycling. A briefing.
- Why an EU sustainable food framework is crucial for climate, biodiversity and competitiveness. (IEEP)
- Serious challenges in Europe's agri-food systems. (EEA)
- Easing green measures falls short of grain production decline. (Euractiv)
- The European Union beef sector: key features, challenges and prospects. A briefing.

- European Commission announces communication on fertilisers. ([Euractiv](#))
- Pesticides: On borrowed time? ([META](#))
- World Bank criticised over climate crisis spending ([The Guardian](#))
- EIB chief signals joint action plan for COP27 and giant Ukraine fund. ([Euractiv](#))
- [Climate finance](#): Council adopted conclusions ahead of COP27 ([Euractiv](#))
- African countries urge rich nations to pledge $100bn for climate finance. ([The Guardian](#))
- Will "loss and damage" be the defining theme at COP27? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- EU outlines funding options to help climate victims recover. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Young people demand climate justice ahead of COP27 ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate change will cause millions to change their place of residence - should we rethink our stance on mass migration? ([Euronews](#))
- Clean investments avoid investor-state dispute settlement ([E3G](#))

Activities

- 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?](#)
- 2022-10-13 | Webinar | [Making EU cross-border travel fit for 55](#)
- 2022-10-14 | Online | [Sustainable recycling, use of secondary raw materials and Just Transition in the European ferrous and nonferrous metal industry](#)
- 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?](#)
- 2022-10-27 | Online | [Climate Finance Day](#)
- 2022-10-31 | Webinar | [COP 15 — the 'Paris moment for nature': Is finance on board?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-11-15 | Webinar | [Setting targets and assessing nature? Yes, finance can!](#)
- 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](#)
- 2022-12-06 – 2022-12-08 | Online | [World Circular Economy Forum 2022](#)
- 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 | [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 / - Development of post-Euro 6/VI emission standards for cars, vans, lorries and buses
- 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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