



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

- The EU and member states continue to work on responses to the energy crisis. There was also a new meeting of [energy ministers](#). ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- There will be a [European Council](#) on 20 and 21 October. At that meeting, the energy crisis will also be discussed. ([Euractiv](#))
- Energy expert: to avoid peaks in demand, EU member states should impose 'flexibility' on industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- Electricity markets should be overhauled, but not now. ([CEPS](#))
- EU gas package must take into account new geopolitical and energy market realities. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Putin's war accelerates EU fossil fuel detox. ([Politico](#))
- Green Deal: the light at the end of the crisis tunnel. ([Patrick Ten Brink and Alberto Vela](#))
- New analysis of EU climate and energy policy shows how contextualised design is key to change. A [report](#) by Corporate Leaders Group.
- Climate governance functions: towards context-specific climate laws. ([LSE](#))
- NGOs, trade unions & renewable energy producers call for bold and transformative social climate fund. ([Transport & Environment](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Climate tipping points could lead to unstoppable global changes - how close are they? ([David Armstrong McKay](#))
- Briefing on the review of the Renewable Energy Directive under the REPowerEU package. ([CAN Europe](#))

- EU countries scrap 45% renewable energy target: paper. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission launches work on European alliance for solar photovoltaic industry. ([Commission](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [PV Magazine](#))
- Recommendations for an ambitious EU-wide solar mandate. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Steelmakers win concessions at talks on EU carbon market reform. ([Euractiv](#))
- European Commission wants to end secret system to protect fossil fuels ([The Guardian](#))
- Spain pulls out of energy treaty over climate concerns. ([Politico](#))
- Europe's hidden energy crisis: Data centres. ([Politico](#))
- EU report highlights 'crucial role' of bioeconomy for energy and food security. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU official: Further efforts needed to address 'ecological limits' of biomass. ([Euractiv](#))
- Gap in biomass availability threatens EU's green bioeconomy. ([Euractiv](#))
- The next generation of energy performance certificates. ([Construction 21](#))
- Minimum energy performance standards to boost building renovation. ([Glass for Europe](#))
- Carbon emissions from construction processes at urban construction sites. An [article](#).
- Europe should set the bar high for packaging reuse systems to reduce waste. ([META](#))
- Circular economy: The missing link for investor action on climate and nature. ([PRI](#))
- Cheaper, stronger, further: by 2035, all new electric trucks will beat diesel. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- 3 ways cities can promote new, greener mobility services. ([WEF](#))
- Intelligent road transport systems. A [briefing](#).
- International aviation wants to aim for net zero by 2050. ([Climate Home News](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Europe must become leader in carbon-free maritime transport. ([Catherine Chabaud](#), [Christophe Grudler](#), [Dominique Riquet](#), [Pascal Canfin](#) and [Pierre Karleskind](#))
- Chemical sector reform: an opportunity to leap forward in a crisis. ([META](#))
- First time microplastics found in human breast milk ([The Guardian](#))
- Post-pandemic recovery offers opportunity for European cities to drive shift towards sustainability. ([EEA](#))
- People-centred climate action delivers more to cities, report shows. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission adopts proposal to declare 2023 European Year of Skills. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Improving working conditions for platform workers. A [briefing](#).
- Towards a more social European semester. ([EPHA](#))
- EU social security systems and the challenges of poverty and inequality. A [study](#).
- Improving ESG scores with sustainability concepts. An [article](#).
- "It is time to regulate standards and criteria for net-zero commitments." ([SEI](#))
- Sustainability due diligence. A [briefing](#).
- How the EU can make finance more sustainable. ([Global Witness](#))
- The Platform for Sustainable Finance (PSF) has published a two reports on the data, usability and implementation of the EU taxonomy's "minimum safeguards". ([Report 1](#), [Annex](#), [Report 2](#))
- The debate on taxonomy continues. ([Reuters](#))
- Eurobarometer survey shows how Europeans interact with financial services. ([Commission](#))
- Finland joins growing list of countries restricting international oil and gas financing, leaving Norway the only Nordic country not to do so. ([Price of Oil](#))
- The new Living Planet Report has been published. ([Living Planet Report](#), [WWF](#), [Euractiv](#), [Ester Asin](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Testing how the latest climate models simulate global soil carbon. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Citizens' initiative to eliminate synthetic pesticides placed on EU agenda. ([Euractiv](#))
- Prioritise regional food products in public canteens, say EU regions. ([Euractiv](#))

Activities

- 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](#)
- 2022-10-27 | Hybrid | [European conference on community disaster preparedness](#)
- 2022-10-28 | Hybrid | [EU Sustainable Investment Summit](#)
- 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

- 2022-10-18 | [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
- 2022-11-09 | [Communication on fertilisers](#) | [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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