



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 2023](#).

Current affairs

- On 25 October, there was a meeting of [energy ministers](#). They had to take forward the European Council's agreements on energy policy. ([Business Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- On 24 October, there was a meeting of [environment ministers](#). There, they prepared for the COP27 climate conference and COP15 biodiversity conference and adopted council conclusions. ([Reuters](#), [Euronews](#), [Conclusions COP27](#), [Conclusions COP15](#), [Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [WWF](#), [WWF](#), [Euronews](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Greenhouse gas levels reach new heights. A new [report](#) from the WMO. ([The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#))
- UNEP published the Emissions Gap Report 2022. ([UNEP](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [UNEP](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- EU on course to break promise to cut methane emissions by 30%, warns report. ([The Guardian](#))
- High-emitting countries "must do more" at COP27, US official says. ([Euractiv](#))
- COP27 host warns rich countries to 'backtrack' on climate pledges. ([Euractiv](#))
- What gets prioritised and what gets ignored at UN climate negotiations? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Trends and projections: limited rebound in EU emissions during post-pandemic recovery and energy crisis ([EEA](#))
- EU energy diplomacy: time to pick up the thread. ([E3G](#))
- Realignment to reduce EU gas demand. Are we on track? ([E3G](#))

- Demand-side flexibility is a strategic response to the EU energy crisis. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- Behavioural changes can rapidly reduce CO₂ emissions. ([IEA](#))
- Europe needs to invest more in wind power R&D to meet climate targets. ([Wind Europe](#))
- Cities can offer new opportunities for prosumers of renewable energy. ([EEA](#))
- Europe's citizen-led energy revolution entangled in legal problems. ([Euractiv](#))
- How the climate crisis threatens power supply stability. ([The Guardian](#))
- World Energy Outlook 2022 shows that the global energy crisis could be a historic turning point towards a cleaner and more secure future. ([IEA](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#), [Oil Change International](#))
- New fossil fuels 'incompatible' with 1.5C target, comprehensive analysis shows. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- EU €25bn tax on oil and gas does not cover the nearly €30bn in taxpayer-funded fuel duty rebates that have boosted oil demand. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- France withdraws from the Energy Charter Treaty. Will Belgium also follow? ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- European exit from Energy Charter Treaty raises climate questions ([Climate Home News](#))
- Making carbon capture work in the EU. ([E3G](#))
- EU energy chief announces 'strategic vision' for CCUS by 2023. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU countries reach 'fragile compromise' on green buildings directive. ([CAN Europe](#), [Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [EUASE](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- How can cities improve energy efficiency in buildings? ([OECD](#))
- France wants to ban poorly insulated rentals on Airbnb. ([Politico](#))
- Aligning the Product Liability Directive with the circular economy and emerging technologies. A [briefing](#).
- EU countries give green light for common charger by autumn 2024 ([Council](#), [Politico](#))
- Making a just transition to a circular economy. ([RREUSE](#))
- How green services can enable the circular economy in cities worldwide. ([WEF](#))
- Green claims by the fashion industry risk being misleading. ([EEB](#))
- NGOs respond to Commission proposal on Empowering consumers in the green transition. ([ClientEarth](#), [EEB](#))
- First 'Fit for 55' proposal adopted: EU tightens CO₂ emissions targets for new cars and vans. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [DW](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- European Parliament approved targets for EV charging infrastructure. ([Polis](#))
- First ever comparison of car taxes in Europe shows wide differences in approach to incentives for electric vehicles. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Set 2027 deadline for zero-emission buses, cities and NGOs tell EU. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Expert efficiency recommendations rejected in 'Euro 7' proposals European Commission. ([The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Uber and other platforms lobby against an ambitious EU directive on platform workers. ([Ludovic Voet](#))
- Understanding transport poverty. A [briefing](#).
- Europeans are deeply concerned about air quality and call for stronger action. ([Commission](#))
- Commission proposes rules for cleaner air and cleaner water. ([Commission](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [ClientEarth](#), [EEB](#), [EEB](#), [META](#))
- Exposure to environmental toxins may cause increase in neurological disorders. ([The Guardian](#))
- Global health at the mercy of fossil fuel addiction, scientists warn. ([The Guardian](#), [The Lancet](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#))

- Almost all children on earth will experience more frequent heat waves by 2050 ([The Guardian](#))
- How healthcare can reduce its carbon footprint. ([WEF](#))
- The fire is on: How public sector leaders can achieve net-zero targets. ([McKinsey](#))
- In defence of EU standards for corporate sustainability reporting. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#))
- What is COP15 and why is it important for all life on earth? ([The Guardian](#))
- Finland likely to reject Brussels' biodiversity strategy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Business groups are blocking measures that could help tackle the biodiversity crisis, according to a report. ([InfluenceMap](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Companies call for mandatory disclosure of information on impact on nature by 2030. ([The Guardian](#))
- How can the construction materials sector address biodiversity loss? ([WEF](#))
- SolarPower Europe launches biodiversity and land use toolbox for utility-scale solar power. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- Global deforestation pledge won't be met without urgent action, say researchers ([The Guardian](#))
- EU nature restoration regulation: Setting binding targets for healthy ecosystems. A [briefing](#).
- Scientists call for 'climate-smart' forestry in the face of global warming. ([Euractiv](#))
- Where does the 'Farm to Fork' strategy stand? A [briefing](#).
- EU agency says transport times for animals should be reduced to counter the rise of superbugs. ([Euractiv](#))
- Reduce meat consumption to two burgers a week to save the planet, a study suggests. ([The Guardian](#))
- Illegal fishing leads to billions in losses for developing countries, says study. ([The Guardian](#))
- The first 'food COP': Why agriculture is finally on the table at UN climate summit. ([Euronews](#))
- Examining competing approaches to food system sustainability sustainability: agroecology, regenerative agriculture, and nature-based solutions. A new [report](#) by IPES Food.
- Lower-income countries pay the highest price as fossil fuel emissions and profits soar. A new [report](#) from Oxfam.
- Climate finance for developing countries: what signals are expected at COP27? ([IDDRl](#))
- Unreported extreme weather in Africa in 2022 and climate change. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- EU says 'fully committed' to Mercosur deal as region enters picture. ([Euractiv](#))

Activities

- 2022-10-31 | Webinar | [COP 15 — the 'Paris moment for nature': Is finance on board?](#)
- 2022-11-03 | Online | [How can we avoid 80% of construction waste in Europe through intelligent circular economy?](#)
- 2022-11-04 | Online | [Finance for climate transition and climate alignment](#)
- 2022-11-04 | Online | [REPowering our EU](#)
- 2022-11-06 – 2022-11-18 | COP 27 ([UNFCCC](#) – [ENB](#))
- 2022-11-08 | Hybrid | [Ensuring a Fair Energy Transition for All](#)
- 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!](#)
- 2022-11-16 | Hybrid | [Empowering consumers to make healthy food choices](#)
- 2022-11-28 | Online | [Community-led initiatives and the European Green Deal](#)
- 2022-11-29 | Hybrid | [Front-of-pack labelling reform - Is it fit for the future?](#)

- 2022-11-29 | Hybrid | [The EU Methane Regulation after RePowerEU - How energy security and methane action go hand in hand](#)
- 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 – 2022-12-19 | COP 15 ([CBD](#) – ENB)
- 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

- 2022-11-09 | [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 / - Carbon removal certification



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