



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 20 and 21 October, there was a [European Council](#) meeting. At that meeting, the energy crisis was also discussed. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Commission](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [E3G](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The Commission presented the new 2023 work programme. Comments in advance: [Euractiv](#). [Work programme](#). Reactions after publication: [EEB](#).
- [Commission](#) sets out actions to digitise energy sector to improve efficiency and integration of renewables.
- Methane emissions: the equivalent of a Nord Stream leak every two days. ([Flavia Sollazzo](#))
- According to a new report, gas rationing may not be necessary this winter if European industry manages to curb its consumption of fossil gas and quickly find ways to ramp up electrification. ([CLIMACT](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Creating a social climate fund that lives up to its name. ([REScoop](#))
- European Parliament adopts resolution on COP27 ([EP](#), [Fossil Fuel Treaty](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Concerns about climate change are declining worldwide while the threat is growing, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- CO₂ emissions must be reduced twice as fast as the rate at which they have increased since 1990. ([IIEP](#))
- Cities take action against energy poverty. ([Eurocities](#))
- Cities: The missing piece in Europe's response to the energy crisis ([Ada Colau and Giuseppe Sala](#))

- Are hopes of a net zero future fading? ([Zurich](#))
- 51% of major global energy companies still fail to disclose their low-carbon strategy. ([LSE](#))
- National energy policy responses to the energy crisis ([Bruegel](#))
- What are European countries doing to reduce energy consumption? ([The Guardian](#))
- Thanks to record renewables and electric vehicles, the CO₂ intensity of global energy supply is improving again, after deteriorating in 2021 when the economy picked up sharply. ([IEA](#))
- 18 organisations back cross-sector call for ambitious EU solar mandate to ensure climate and energy security. ([SolarPower Europe](#), [EEB](#))
- These EU countries aim for 100% clean power by 2030. ([Euronews](#))
- Thanks to fossil fuel crisis, payback time for wind and solar drops to one year. ([Climate Home News](#))
- EU saves €11bn on gas imports thanks to solar and wind: report. ([Euractiv](#))
- Energy crisis: gas consumption for European shipping could exceed that of 7 million households. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- More renewables, less inflation in the EU. ([E3G](#))
- Why the EU must include renewables in its response to the energy crisis ([Susi Dennison](#))
- Big or go green? EU bets massively on hydrogen ([Politico](#))
- Spain and the Netherlands want to withdraw from the Energy Charter Treaty. Will France follow suit? ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The race to track and eliminate "built-in" emissions from buildings. ([Euractiv](#))
- Buildings as catalysts for energy security: the role of cities. ([E3G](#))
- Balancing energy efficiency and renewable energy for neighbourhood renovations in Denmark. An [article](#).
- Circular Buildings Coalition launched to scale up circularity in the built environment. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Mechanical recycling is more climate-friendly than chemical recycling. ([Öko-Institut](#))
- Definition of 'recyclability' is central to draft EU packaging legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Comments on draft proposals for mobile phones, smartphones, cordless phones and tablets. ([EEB](#))
- EU parliament approves targets for EV charging infrastructure. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [ACEA](#))
- MEPs concerned about 'geostrategic dependency' on EV switchover. ([Euractiv](#))
- Action now to pave the way for responsible provisioning in e-mobility. ([Öko-Institut](#))
- Circular fashion: Cluster analysis to determine advertising strategies. An [article](#).
- Electric car sales in Europe stagnate as China gains a foothold. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Car industry falls short of EU sustainability targets. ([Automotive News](#))
- Car manufacturers denounce 'likely' ban on combustion trucks. ([Euractiv](#))
- Companies and NGOs reject calls for loophole for e-fuel in 2035 car deadline. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Imperiled rail sector calls for action as energy prices soar ([Euractiv](#))
- Norway to cut pollution with world's first zero-emission public transport network. ([Euronews](#))
- Access rules for urban vehicles: from design to implementation. ([EIT Urban Mobility](#))
- FuelEU Maritime Agreement absolves shipping. ([Ciarán Cuffe and Jutta Paulus](#))
- Parliament backs EU legislation on marine fuels to reduce shipping emissions. ([Euractiv](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- EU ETS, CORSIA and decarbonisation of civil aviation. ([Jacopo Cammeo](#))
- French idea to tax private jets causes turbulence. ([Euractiv](#))
- Cities look to a greener, digitised future, but significant obstacles remain. ([Euractiv](#))
- Scaling up lifestyle of eco-villagers could decarbonise Europe. An [article](#).

- Heat waves have killed thousands this summer: Experts on what is needed to prevent more. ([Euronews](#))
- Most diseases worsen due to climate change, new research shows. Here's what we can do about it. ([Euronews](#))
- Review of EU air quality directives. A [briefing](#).
- REACH reform will be delayed for a year. ([EEB](#), [Euronews](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- Externalising the EU agenda for a just transition: An evolving journey towards a crossroads. ([Robert Pollock](#))
- Eight EU countries oppose stricter conditions on the status of platform workers. ([Euractiv](#))
- ERT issues warning on industrial competitiveness. ([ERT](#))
- Green recovery: How EU recovery funds can support investors and the European Green Deal. ([PRI](#))
- The price of plastic pollution: Social costs and corporate liability. ([UNEPFI](#))
- EU economic and fiscal governance needs a quantum leap for a future-ready economy. ([EEB](#))
- 180 trade unions, civil society organisations, think tanks and academics sign letter Fiscal Matters calling for democratic reform of EU budget rules. ([CAN Europe](#))
- ECB must intervene to tackle fossil and climate inflation ([Rens van Tilburg](#))
- COP27: An opportunity to align governments and investors on sustainable finance policy reform. ([ESG Clarity](#))
- Financing local green businesses. Closing the financing gap for sustainable SMEs in developing countries. ([Finance Watch](#))
- 6 charts showing the state of biodiversity and nature loss - and how we can become 'nature positive'. ([WEF](#))
- The amount of ocean heat appears to be accelerating and fuelling extreme weather events. ([The Guardian](#))
- Next pandemic could come from melting glaciers, new data shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- More than 140 NGOs urge EU institutions to strengthen EU law on deforestation. ([WWF](#))
- Experts warn now campaigners are calling for the scope of the EU deforestation law to be extended. ([Euractiv](#))
- 3 in 4 Europeans think EU governments should cut prices of sustainable and healthy food - new survey. ([WWF](#))
- For a ground-breaking EU legislative framework for sustainable food systems. ([WWF](#))
- The future of food that provides and protects. ([META](#))
- Temporary extension of EU glyphosate approval encounters roadblock ([Euractiv](#))
- Although the EU's pesticide legislation is the most sophisticated, it has failed to reduce its use. ([HBS](#))
- Global pesticide use almost doubled since 1990, report shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Sustainable use of plant protection products. A [briefing](#).
- Commission proposes EU-wide ban on killing male chicks. ([Euractiv](#))
- Inflation and Green Deal weigh heavily on CAP budget, report says. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission asks industry and member states for 'input' on EU fertiliser communication ([Euractiv](#))
- New study reveals 'staggering' extent of lost fishing gear floating around in Earth's oceans. ([The Guardian](#))
- Securing the position of small farmers in 'zero-deforestation' supply chains. A new [report](#) by IEEP.
- Rich countries must urgently help poor countries hit by climate crisis, says V20 ([The Guardian](#))
- Small island states propose 'response fund' for climate victims at COP27. ([Climate Home News](#))

Activities

- 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](#)
- 2022-10-26 | [Financing local green enterprises in developing and emerging countries](#)
- 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?](#)
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- 2022-10-27 | Hybrid | [European conference on community disaster preparedness](#)
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- 2022-10-27 | Hybrid | [Financing local green enterprises in developing and emerging countries](#)
- 2022-10-28 | Hybrid | [EU Sustainable Investment Summit](#)
- 2022-10-31 | Webinar | [COP 15 — the 'Paris moment for nature': Is finance on board?](#)
- 2022-11-03 | 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](#)
- 2022-11-06 – 2022-11-18 | COP 27 ([UNFCCC](#) – [ENB](#))
- 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](#)
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- 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

- 2022-10-26 | [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 / - Carbon removal certification



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