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- 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

- COP 27 ([UNFCCC](#) – [ENB](#))
- Analyses on COP27: [Fleming Voetmann](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [IndustriAll](#), [CEO](#), [Reuters](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [EP](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Reuters](#), [DW](#), [Climate Home News](#), [ODI](#), [WWF](#), [E3G](#), [SEI](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [CIEL](#), [IUCN](#), [DW](#), [Germanwatch](#), [Think Tanks](#), [WEF](#), [New Climate](#), [WUR](#), [E3G](#), [E3G](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [IRENA](#), [WBCSD](#), [IEEP](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [UN News](#), [CEO](#), [WBCSD](#), [Commission](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#).
- What the tiny remaining carbon budget of 1.5C means for climate policy. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Carbon emissions from fossil fuels will reach record levels by 2022. ([The Guardian](#), [Nature](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- Timmermans: EU 2030 climate target 'can be raised to 57% now'. ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [CLG](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Humanity's ability to adapt to global warming is not unlimited, scientists warn. ([Euractiv](#))
- Integrating human rights into nationally determined contributions (NDCs): A toolkit for practitioners. ([CIEL](#))
- The Commission is yet to present a legislative proposal needed to introduce a potential cap on gas prices across the EU, while countries remain divided on the issue. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU electricity market reform: complete integration, not dismantle it, is the answer. ([Leonardo Meeus](#))

- The European Green Deal three years on: acceleration, erosion, fragmentation? A briefing. ([IFRI](#))
- Four ways to step up environmental ambitions during the Swedish EU presidency. ([SEI](#))
- Solar and wind sector concerned about 'daft' EU licensing rules. ([Euractiv](#))
- Thermal energy storage in concentrating solar power plants: An overview of European and North American R&D projects. An [article](#).
- Electricity giants, manufacturers and NGOs to von der Leyen: speed up the phase-out of fossil fuel boilers ([ECOS](#))
- Overhyping hydrogen as a fuel threatens net-zero targets. ([Nature](#))
- EU carbon market negotiations get stuck in quagmire. ([Euractiv](#))
- Time to agree on EU emissions trading scheme and carbon border adjustment mechanism that will benefit climate and support industrial transformation. ([ECOS](#))
- A study on extending the regulation's provisions on power sector methane emissions beyond EU borders. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Time to stop counting forest biomass as 'renewable energy'. ([Mary S. Booth](#))
- NGOs respond to Industrial Emissions Directive proposals. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Activists rejoice at Berlin's departure from controversial energy treaty. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU must exit Energy Charter Treaty to protect climate ambition. ([Olivier De Schutter](#))
- Time for the EU to exit the Energy Charter Treaty. ([E3G](#))
- Investor-state disputes involving EU member states: State of play. An [analysis](#).
- Commission speeds up green household heat, but forgoes large-scale systems. ([Euractiv](#))
- Boost for German heat pump manufacturers as industrial policy meets climate action. ([Euractiv](#))
- Berlin creates special electricity price subsidy for heat pumps. ([Euractiv](#))
- Berlin startup wants to wrap houses in a 'second skin' as heating costs soar. ([Reuters](#))
- Europe's heatwaves: How to keep buildings sustainably cool? A new report. ([EEA](#))
- Five reasons why we don't like zero-emission buildings - as proposed by EU member states. ([ECOS](#))
- Review of the Construction Products Regulation. A [briefing](#).
- How to secure a resilient and responsible supply of critical metals. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- How the EU wants to win the global race for critical raw materials. ([Euractiv](#))
- A false right to repair - new EU rules on smartphones ignore key needs for a real repair revolution. ([ECOS](#))
- The potential of digitalisation to promote a circular economy in the water sector. An [article](#).
- The role of reuse in a circular economy for plastics. ([WWF](#))
- EU draft packaging reuse targets meet a barrage of criticism from industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- Recycling key to future battery production, say CEO and vice-president EU bank. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission proposes new Euro 7 standards to reduce pollutant emissions from vehicles and improve air quality. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Switching to electric vehicles alone will not solve urban transport problems, says Portuguese minister. ([Euractiv](#))
- Running a truck on e-diesel costs 47% more than its battery-electric counterpart. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Tolling: the highway to green freight traffic. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- After palm oil, activists seek ban on soybean oil for use in biofuels ([Euractiv](#))
- Further reduction in ozone depleting substances. A [briefing](#).
- Digital Services Act. A [briefing](#).
- MEPs vote to include energy measures in national recovery plans. ([EP](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- Five policies for a just transition to the green collar workforce. ([Deloitte](#))

- NextGenerationEU: an underused facility? ([Bruegel](#))
- Five years of the European Pillar of Social Rights: from principles to concrete action for a strong social Europe. ([Commission](#))
- A sustainable future for Ukraine - the new Marshall Plan. ([Various authors](#))
- Companies must play a key role in the green transition. A new study. ([ILO](#))
- Sustainable economy: Parliament approves new reporting rules for multinationals ([EP](#), [ESG Today](#))
- EU member states fight over scope of due diligence directive. ([Euractiv](#))
- Companies in conflict zones must take responsibility for their actions. ([Heidi Hautala](#))
- Comparing European models of corporate governance. ([Accountancy Europe](#))
- EU financial watchdogs launch investigation into 'greenwashing'. ([Euractiv](#), [ESMA](#))
- Corporate greenwashing: will lawsuits and new rules close the gap between promises and reality? ([Isabel Sutton](#))
- Marketers promote industry standards to combat greenwashing. ([Euractiv](#))
- Just Transition Finance Tool for banking and investment activities. ([LSE](#))
- Climate crisis calls for systemic change in finance. A new study. ([University of Sussex](#))
- Aligning finance with climate goals? A new study. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- Global outlook on financing for sustainable development 2023. A new [report](#) from the OECD.
- BlackRock, Vanguard and Deutsche Bank are among the companies still financing deforestation, a new report shows. ([Euronews](#))
- Gender, climate and finance: How financial institutions can support a gender-just transition. ([UNEPFI](#))
- A 'Paris Agreement' for nature needed at COP15, say architects of climate deal. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Biodiversity: Stricter measures against wildlife trade. ([Commission](#), [WWF](#))
- Protecting biodiversity is protecting the Paris Agreement. ([UN News](#))
- Biodiversity: MEPs reiterate call for more global ambition. ([EP](#))
- Mapping out space for nature-positive renewables. ([META](#))
- "Fit for 55": preliminary agreement with ambitious targets for carbon removal in land use, land use change and forestry sector. ([Council](#), [EP](#), [Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Nature restoration: contributions to tackling climate change. ([IEEP](#))
- Commission plans for carbon agriculture leave important questions unanswered. ([Euractiv](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#))
- [Arc 2020](#) on Commission communication on fertilisation.
- Commission temporarily re-approves glyphosate without member states' consent. ([Euractiv](#))
- Pesticides regulation too important to delay. ([Arc2020](#), [PAN Europe](#))
- Methane emissions from 15 meat and dairy farms match EU's ([The Guardian](#))
- Food companies' plans for 1.5C climate target fall short, say campaigners ([The Guardian](#))
- How long will we continue to feed a broken food system? ([Faustine Bas-Defossez](#))
- African sun: Why solar and not gas offers the continent the best economic opportunities in the transition. ([Carbon Tracker](#), [The Guardian](#))
- WWF and UNDP launch Alliance for a Just Energy Transformation. ([WWF](#))
- Vulnerable countries publish wish list for climate spending. ([Climate Home News](#))
- New research: Africa could save hundreds of thousands of lives through measures to reduce air pollution and prevent climate change. ([SEI](#))
- Deadly rains in West Africa by 2022 '80 times more likely' due to climate change. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- How to attract private finance for climate projects in developing countries. ([Marilyn Waite](#))

Activities

- 2022-11-06 – 2022-11-18 | COP 27 ([UNFCCC](#) – [ENB](#))
- 2022-11-21 | [A just energy transition](#)
- 2022-11-21 | Webinar | [Green Deal - Big Deal for youth?](#)
- 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 | Webinar | [Sustainable finance and investment in industrial decarbonisation](#)
- 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 | [Accelerating transitions to build an open strategic autonomy of Europe](#)
- 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?](#)
- 2022-12-08 | Hybrid | [A global roadmap for an inclusive circular economy](#)
- 2022-12-08 – 2022-12-09 | Hybrid | [A just transition beyond growth?](#)
- 2022-12-13 – 2022-12-14 | [Annual High Level Expert Forum for Sustainable Finance](#) (HLEF)
- 2022-12-14 | [ENgage Workshop – Enhancing environmental protection through standards](#)

Commission documents

- 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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