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 2023.

Current affairs

- COP 27 (UNFCCC – ENB)
- Analyses on COP27: Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, Bill McGuirre, The Guardian, The Guardian, Timmermans, von der Leyen, ITUC, WWF, Chatham House, Fossil Fuel Treaty, Carbon Market Watch, EP, IUCN, The Conversation, DW, E3G, Climate Home News, Climate Home News, CAN Europe, Oxfam, Bellona, Politico, Euronews, Eli Hadzhieva, The Guardian, The Guardian, Commission, ILO, WBCSD, Nature, CarbonBrief, Euronews, WEF, The Conversation, The Ecologist, Triodos, E3G, SEI, Social Europe, CEPS, Institut Montaigne, UNEP, WEF, 350.org, CSIS, Food Navigator, The Conversation, Climate Home News, Euractiv, LSE, WWF, META, Euronews, CarbonBrief, The Lancet, WEF, Climate Home News.
- The Commission worked out a proposal for the long-awaited maximum price for gas. It was discussed by energy ministers on November 24. (Commission, Euractiv, Bruegel, Politico, Euractiv, Politico, Euractiv, Council, Council, EPSU)
- Energy crisis: Commission calls for more targeted state aid. (Euractiv)
- Energy bills: direct payments needed, not fossil subsidies. (Luke Haywood)
- Brussels is increasingly using emergency legislation and so-called delegated acts to implement its Green Deal agenda. (Euractiv)
- When crises become the norm: adapting to climate change and our global economy. (SEI)
- How Covid helped EU countries meet their renewable energy targets. (Agustin Roth, Corinna Klessmann and John Niedergesäss)

- Why 14.5% is the minimum energy efficiency target for 2030. (Arianna Vitali Roscini)
- Affordable clean energy will keep European industries competitive. (Joop Hazenberg and Malgosia Rybak)
- Recyclers urge quick end to free EU ETS allocations for steel and metal producers. (EuroMetal)
- Poland takes tough stance against EU carbon price for heating. (Euractiv)
- New blow to Energy Charter Treaty as Luxembourg announces its departure. (Euractiv)
- Brussels calls for pause in ECT reform talks after losing key EU vote. (Euractiv, ClientEarth)
- In a resolution, the European Parliament asked the EU to leave the Energy Charter Treaty. (ClientEarth, CAN Europe)
- Exodus from Energy Charter Treaty shows global power shift. (Climate Home News)
- Energy transitions: why countries are responding differently to the same problem. (The Conversation)
- New report on just transition in the energy sector. (IndustriAll)
- What is the wind industry doing about skills and education for a fair transition? (WindEurope)
- Sporting extravaganzas like the World Cup are an own goal for climate action. (IEEP)
- Low-carbon buildings and heating for all: Embedding short-term solutions in a long-term structural approach. (CAN Europe)
- As homeowners renovate, Europe's asbestos debt resurfaces. (Euractiv)
- A circular future for Europe's construction sector: light commercial and residential buildings. A new report. (Circle Economy)
- Limits to Europe's quest for autonomy in critical minerals. (J. Peter Pham)
- Digital product passports become the norm in EU green economy plan. (Euractiv)
- Off the menu: are gas cookers on their way out? (ECOS)
- EEB, META on the revision of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation.
- A circular future for Europe's machinery and equipment industry. A new report. (Circle Economy)
- Commission dismisses concerns about two-speed Europe for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. (Euractiv, ECA)
- Euro 7 - a missed opportunity and a gift to car manufacturers? (Transport & Environment)
- Black Friday exposes dark side of trucking. (Transport & Environment)
- How to buy an electric truck. (Transport & Environment)
- Beyond recycling: the opportunities for passenger cars in Europe. A new report. (Circle Economy)
- Car-producing regions in the EU will cooperate on the transition to electric vehicles. (Euractiv)
- Can polluter-pays principles be progressive in the aviation sector? A new study. (IEEP)
- Czech presidency calls for a comprehensive approach to the platform workers directive. (Euractiv)
- EU parliament adopts directive on gender quotas for corporate boards. (Euractiv)
- Regenerative economy: from theory to action. A new report. (Circle Economy)
- Applying an intergenerational mindset to European technology investment. A report. (EPC)
- More than 20,000 dead during heatwaves in western Europe, figures show. (The Guardian)
- Premature deaths from air pollution continue to fall in the EU, but more efforts are needed for a toxin-free environment. (EEA)
- How does children's exposure to natural environments affect adult wellbeing (SEI)
- Greening enterprises: Transforming processes and workplaces. A new report. (ILO)

- The Commission has given the go-ahead for the European Semester 2023 and is coming up with guidelines to tackle the energy crisis and make Europe greener and more digital. (Commission)
- EU Commission expert group recommends ambitious sustainability reporting standards to combat greenwashing. (EFRAG, Transport & Environment, GRI)
- LEAK: EU countries could exclude investment firms from due diligence legislation. (Euractiv)
- Sustainability reporting in light of the European Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance: Is the financial sector ready to disclose circular economy? An article.
- Car manufacturers must introduce sustainable finance into business reviews to succeed - think tank (Clean Energy Wire)
- EU prepares certification of carbon removal to tackle climate change. (Euractiv)
- Kira Taylor on the EU proposal for carbon removal certification.
- Analyses on COP15 for biodiversity: FoEI, Climate Home News, Zurich, Nature, IIED, IDDRI.
- Implementing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework: financial mechanism. A new study. (IDDRI)
- EU agenda for international ocean governance. A briefing.
- Commission announces carbon reduction plan for fisheries. (Euractiv)
- Barbra Streisand, Coldplay among artists calling on EU leaders to enforce historic deforestation law. (ClientEarth)
- Plans to reduce pesticides remain 'open' problem, says agriculture commissioner. (Euractiv)
- Revealed: Countries advocating and blocking EU action on food waste. (EEB)
- NGO and biofuel industry clash over vegan food from ethanol. (Euractiv)
- Commission looking for potential of algae in EU. (Euractiv)
- The EU and North Africa: Towards a just twin transition? A study.
- In the 'secret' tribunals where fossil fuel companies 'steal' from developing countries. (Euronews)

Activities

- 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
- 2022-11-30 | Hybrid | Charting a Path Towards EU Climate Neutrality in Turbulent Times
- 2022-12-06 | Accelerating transitions to build an open strategic autonomy of Europe
- 2022-12-06 | Hybrid | Squaring the Circle: Policies from Europe's Circular Economy Transition
- 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

- 2022-11-30 | 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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