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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

- Analyses on climate COP27: [Ebru Özdemir](#), [The Guardian](#), [LSE](#), [Climate Home News](#), [IDDRI](#).
- Brussels defends gas price cap proposal after criticism from EU countries. ([Euractiv](#))
- Methane emissions fall, but accelerated reductions needed to meet EU climate targets. ([EEA](#))
- Towards sustainability in times of multiple crises and uncertainty. ([EEA](#))
- European Green Deal and society. ([E3G](#))
- EU carbon market reform 'progressing at snail's pace' ahead of final talks. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU industries raked in €100bn in free CO₂ credits since 2013: study. ([WWF](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- EU hydrogen labelling: why it's crucial to make sure 'renewable' is really green. ([Matthias Buck](#))
- EU Commission gives green light to 'unsustainable' hydrogen plan. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The global energy crisis is leading to a surge in heat pumps, which offer energy security and climate benefits. ([IEA](#), [Euractiv](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- From 'zero' to 'positive' energy concepts and from buildings to neighbourhoods - a portfolio of 51 European success stories. An [article](#).
- A socially just energy transition is possible - will revised EU legislation on the energy performance of buildings help or hinder it? ([Housing Europe](#))
- Social and climate injustice fuels Europe's energy crisis ([META](#))

- On 30 November, the Commission proposed a second 'circular economy package'. Of the four components announced, three remained: (1) a proposal on packaging waste: [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [EEB](#), [Rethink Plastic](#), [ECOS](#), [Just Drinks](#), (2) a proposal on certification of carbon removal: [ECOS](#), [Per-Olof Granström](#), [CIEL](#), [Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [CIEL](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [EEB](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#), (3) a framework for bio-based, biodegradable and compostable plastics: [Commission](#). It was foreseen that there would also be proposals on: (3) green claims of products: [Margaux Le Gallou](#). There is no news on that yet.
- Revision of Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste. A [briefing](#).
- While EU co-legislators are still debating the details of the EU battery regulation, lobbyists are already bracing themselves for a tsunami of secondary legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- New EU rules will make smartphones and tablets last longer and be easier to repair - but real 'right to repair' is still a long way off. ([ECOS](#))
- A just transition to reusable packaging: Necessary conditions, benefits and best practices. ([Reuse](#))
- Green is the new black (Friday): Why the EU should embrace a circular economy. ([Tahmid Chowdhury](#))
- Circular economy, operational eco-efficiency and sufficiency. An integrated vision. An [article](#).
- What would a people-centred "social" circular economy look like? An [article](#).
- Will paying to charge EVs become as easy as filling up petrol cars? ([Euractiv](#))
- Electric cars are still cheaper than petrol and diesel. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Car manufacturers can afford to make cleaner cars with technology that is already available and affordable. They choose not to. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- World first: EU lawmakers agree to price shipping emissions. ([Euractiv](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Recommendations for the review of modalities of European CO₂ standards for heavy vehicles. ([ICCT](#))
- Time to wake up in sleeper trains. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Plastic vs fuel? Experts warn of limits to biomass. ([Euractiv](#))
- Czech presidency makes new attempt at directive on platform workers. ([Euractiv](#))
- [CAN Europe](#)'s position on the Commission's proposal to revise the Industrial Emissions Directive.
- Berlin proclaims (European) 'year of industrial policy'. ([Euractiv](#))
- Clean Tech Europe, the EU's answer to the Inflation Reduction Act? ([Euractiv](#))
- Enabling future-oriented work for all: beyond green jobs and (un)just transition. ([META](#))
- Europe's 2050 mission towards a future-proof economy. ([Lydia Korinek and Jakob Hafele](#))
- Air pollution linked to nearly a million stillbirths a year. ([The Guardian](#))
- Europe is ready to deal mercury a final blow, but why the delay? ([META](#))
- The EU's global health strategy is not ambitious enough on climate change, says an expert. ([Euractiv](#))
- Can new EU directive boost fight against environmental crime? ([IEEP](#))
- Call for phasing out 'forever chemicals' gains momentum among investors ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#))
- Council gives final green light to corporate sustainability reporting directive. ([Council](#), [EFAMA](#), [WWF](#), [CEPS](#))
- In Council, ministers tried to reach agreement on due diligence legislation on 1 December. ([Euractiv](#), [ECCJ](#), [Flora Rencz and Richard Gardiner](#), [Euractiv](#), [ECCJ](#), [ECCJ](#), [ECCJ](#), [ETUC](#), [META](#), [Council](#), [Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [Jill McArdle](#), [Giuseppe Cioffo](#), [Sylvia Obregon](#), [Global Witness](#))
- Strengthening EU climate leadership with transition funding. ([Jurei Yada and Pietro Cesaro](#))
- Sustainable change must happen from within. Here's why investment is needed. ([WEF](#))

- Agreed: Europe will rely on carbon sinks to boost climate ambition. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- EU climate plan sacrifices carbon storage and biodiversity for bioenergy ([Nature](#))
- Analyses on COP15 for biodiversity: [The Guardian](#), [Reuters](#), [WWF](#), [FoEI](#), [UNEP](#), [Greenpeace](#), [New Scientist](#), [Nature](#), [The Guardian](#), [ClientEarth](#), [FoEI](#).
- Five key decisions at world wildlife summit. ([Euractiv](#))
- Biodiversity loss and climate extremes - study the feedbacks. ([Nature](#))
- What will really change in the CAP in 2023? ([META](#))
- Intensive, low-carbon livestock farming may increase pandemic risk. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Revision of chemicals rules alone not enough to eliminate animal testing. ([Euractiv](#))
- Who will pay for an ethical chocolate bar? ([Politico](#))
- The climate-vulnerable are starting to roar. ([Mohamed Adow](#))
- Ways forward for EU-Africa trade and investment relations. A [briefing](#).
- Africa-EU partnership after COP27 ([Johan van den Berg](#))

Activities

- 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?](#)
- 2022-12-07 | Hybrid | [Is the European Green Deal gender-sensitive?](#)
- 2022-12-08 | Hybrid | [A global roadmap for an inclusive circular economy](#)
- 2022-12-08 | Hybrid | [Clean air: Time to capture the health, economic and environmental benefits](#)
- 2022-12-08 – 2022-12-09 | Hybrid | [A just transition beyond growth?](#)
- 2022-12-13 | Webinar | [Behavioural change and urban mobility](#)
- 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

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