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

- Von der Leyen calls on EU to 'adapt' state aid rules in response to US green subsidy scheme. (Politico, Euractiv, von der Leyen, DW, Bloomberg, Reuters, Euractiv, Euronews, Forbes, Climate Home News, Politico)
- Renewable energy growth accelerates as countries seek to strengthen energy security. (IEA, CarbonBrief)
- Global progress in energy efficiency is accelerating, indicating a potential turning point after years of slow improvement. A new study by the IEA. (IEA, Euronews)
- New study on the benefits of a higher EU energy efficiency target. (Fedarene)
- How much can countries save if the EU increases its renewable energy target by just 5%? (Euronews)
- Delay in renewable energy costs France billions: report. (Euractiv)
- Energy storage for a decarbonised Europe by 2050. A new study.
- State of the climate: 2022 is the fourth warmest year on record. (CarbonBrief)
- "Go for more ambition on energy," more than 100 companies and NGOs tell EU ministers. (Europe Beyond Coal)
- European chemical and wind industries call for electricity markets that support renewable energy investments. (WindEurope)
- Oil and gas companies invest in production that will tip world towards climate catastrophe. (Carbon Tracker, Euronews)
- LEAK: Long-awaited EU rules for renewable hydrogen expected 15 Dec. (Euractiv)

- Heat pumps are the 'central technology' for low-carbon heating, IEA concludes. (CarbonBrief)
- EU countries consider lowering gas price cap to €220/MWh. (Euractiv)
- The revision of the third energy package for gas. A study.
- EU energy outlook to 2060: how will power prices and revenues evolve for wind, solar, gas, hydrogen + more. (EnergyPost)
- EU carbon removal certification framework: political leadership or voluntary hurdle? (Victoria Harvey)
- Bioenergy with carbon capture distracts from real climate solutions. (Almuth Ernsting)
- The role of financial actors in the ETS market. A study.
- EU must invest to get out of energy crisis. (William Todts)
- Wood energy sector concerned about EU attempt to limit biomass use. (Euractiv)
- EU needs a lifecycle carbon roadmap for buildings. (Zsolt Toth)
- Campaigners push for an EU-backed 'renovation loan' to decarbonise buildings. (Euractiv)
- META on the Construction Products Regulation (CPR).
- Europe is on a mission to secure critical metals. Here are three things it needs to do. (Transport & Environment)
- EU introduces resource self-sufficiency targets (Euractiv)
- Packaging producers 'still concerned' about recycling targets in new EU legislation. (Euractiv)
- Negotiations officially begun in Uruguay for global plastics treaty (Ellen MacArthur Foundation)
- EU circular economy package part II - Still no results on right to repair. (Right to Repair)
- World Bank publishes its first report on the circular economy in the EU.
- E-commerce and the EU Green Deal - Analysis of the environmental footprint of online sales in the context of the circular economy. A study.
- Lawmakers agree to limit EU carbon tax to flights within Europe (Euractiv, Euronews, Council)
- EU aviation deal will lead to another lost decade in the fight against emissions. (Transport & Environment)
- Why are small European cars disappearing? (Julia Poliscanova)
- Violation of fuel quality law tests EU transport decarbonisation target. (Euractiv)
- Balanced agreement on rules for platform workers reached, says key MEP. (Euractiv)
- New SEI study for Sweden shows which groups are most at risk of losing out in the transition to a fossil-free society. (SEI)
- Leaders and laggards in the push for a just transition in the EU. An article.
- MEP Canfin: 'Europe must introduce policies to protect and promote green industries'. (Euractiv)
- A unique opportunity to make EU industry cleaner. (META)
- Decarbonisation in the global steel sector: tracking progress. A new study.
- The problematic promise: how to rethink digitalisation for a future beyond growth. (META)
- Zero pollution: 2030 targets within reach, but stronger action needed. (Commission, EEA)
- The gender dimension and impact of the Fit for 55 package. A study.
- Research shows rising temperatures lead to discomfort in foetuses. (The Guardian)
- Climate disputes in Europe: a summary report for the European Union Forum of Environmental Judges. (LSE)
- Climate crisis: International court must play key role in climate justice. (Amnesty International)
- Battle lines drawn in talks on new plastics treaty. (Climate Home News)
- Addressing green transition challenges in national recovery and resilience plans: a preliminary assessment. A study.

- Member States must make EU climate commitments. Unlocking support for a socially just transition. ([E3G](#))
- Joint statement on corporate sustainability due diligence directive. ([Accountancy Europe](#))
- CSDD directive: is the EU opening the door to corruption? ([Ketakandriana Rafitoson and Matthieu Salomon](#))
- Insurance industry plays catch-up with climate and loses. ([Caroline Metz](#))
- The COP15 on biodiversity: [CBD](#) – [ENB](#)
- Analyses on COP15: [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Geneva Solutions](#), [FoEI](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [IEEP](#), [Hilde Eggermont, Janice Weatherley-Singh and Noor Yafai-Stroband](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [WEF](#), [Jonas Hein and Jean Carlo Rodriguez](#), [Craig Bennett & Clare Shine](#), [HBS](#), [PIK](#), [Reuters](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [UN News](#), [Nature](#), [DW](#), [IISD](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [The Conversation](#), [Juan Manuel Santos](#), [Greenpeace](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [DW](#), [The Guardian](#), [WEF](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [Rosemary Collard and Jessica Dempsey](#), [Euronews](#), [African Arguments](#), [ESG Clarity](#).
- Taxonomies for sustainable finance: a common language to shift finance towards nature-positive investments. ([WWF](#))
- Effective nature funding requires better data, analysis and tools. ([EEA](#))
- EU tax reform should unlock climate investments. ([E3G](#))
- A reporting standard aimed at unlocking accountability for organisations' impacts on nature and underpinning the global response to a growing biodiversity crisis has been proposed. ([GRI](#))
- Nature-based solutions could create 20 million new jobs, but equitable transition needed ([IUCN](#))
- EU agrees new law to ban deforestation from supply chains. ([Euractiv](#), [Council](#), [EP](#), [WWF](#), [Reuters](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Commission](#), [IISD](#), [IEEP](#), [Euronews](#))
- Unsustainable soy-based meat imports get free rein under new EU law. ([Euractiv](#))
- Nature restoration regulation. A [briefing](#).
- Nature restoration as an engine for resilient food systems. A report. ([IEEP](#))
- EU carbon farming plan comes under fire ([Politico](#)).
- There is a meeting of [environment ministers](#) on 20 December. ([EEB](#))
- The promises and pitfalls of nature-based solutions. ([SEI](#))
- New CAP unpacked - The real cost to farmers, nature and taxpayers. ([EEB](#))
- Agriculture commissioner backs new impact study on plan to reduce pesticides. ([Euractiv](#))
- Which countries are 'particularly vulnerable' to climate change? ([Climate Home News](#))

Activities

- 2022-12-07 – 2022-12-19 | COP 15 ([CBD](#) – [ENB](#))
- 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](#)
- 2023-02-08 | Online | [EU Energy transition - What role for critical raw materials?](#)

Commission documents

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