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

- On Tuesday, December 13, energy ministers met. Among other things, they discussed the gas price proposal. (Politico, Council). No agreement was reached for now. (Politico, Euractiv) The discussion should be concluded at a new meeting of energy ministers on 19 December. (Council)
- EU Commission launches industry association for 'made in Europe' solar PV (Commission, Euractiv)
- How the European Union can avoid natural gas shortages by 2023. (IEA, Euractiv, von der Leyen)
- There was a European Council on 15 December.
- This week, some key elements of the Fit for 55 package were negotiated. (CAN Europe, WWF)
- Negotiators reached preliminary agreement on CBAM (Euractiv, Council, EP, Euractiv, Politico, Euronews, The Guardian, WWF, Oxfam, Social Europe, ESG Today, Climate Home News, Commission)
- Parliament backs EU plan to speed up renewables permits. (Euractiv, EP, WWF)
- Biomass drives wedge in EU parliament over licensing rules for renewables (Euractiv)
- Why burning primary woody biomass is worse than fossil fuels for the climate. (Edward Robinson, Hannes Böttcher, Klaus Josef Hennenberg and Sampo Soimakallio)
- A third of EU countries have not yet taken action to reduce energy demand - New analysis. (EEB)

- European countries try to weaken EU fight against methane emissions. ([Euractiv](#))
- Strong action on methane means more energy security in the EU. ([Flavia Sollazzo](#))
- EU recovery plan: Provisional agreement on REPowerEU. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [Commission](#))
- EU member states make progress on climate adaptation to increase resilience, survey shows. ([EEA](#))
- EU negotiators must ensure Social Climate Fund excludes fossil fuels. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Putting scientific advice at the heart of the EU's climate transition. ([E3G](#))
- Evidence-based technology forecasting and the energy transition. An [article](#). ([Euronews](#))
- Our choice: advance the Green Deal peace project or go back to the 20th century ([Mikael Leyi and Patrick ten Brink](#))
- How to navigate the new world of energy security. ([E3G](#))
- We cannot dig ourselves out of the pit - only clean energy can end the crisis. ([Patagonia](#))
- The Energy Charter Treaty is dying, with little chance of recovery. ([Yamina Saheb](#))
- The place of hydrogen in an energy-efficient EU. A briefing. ([Bellona](#))
- Assessing the carbon footprint of hydrogen and steel. An [article](#).
- Exploring cost-effective support mechanisms for hydrogen mobility infrastructure. ([CEPS](#))
- Review of the Construction Products Regulation. A [briefing](#).
- Urban sustainability: Recovery and use of urban surplus heat. An [article](#).
- 'Significant breakthrough': This new sea salt battery has 4 times the capacity of lithium ([Euronews](#)).
- Council and Parliament reach preliminary agreement on sustainable battery life cycle. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Commission](#), [Batteries News](#))
- Most plastic consumption in Europe lacks direct policy targets and data. ([EEA](#))
- Are the world's biggest brands meeting plastic waste targets? ([Euronews](#))
- Without a debate on sufficiency, a circular plastic economy will remain an illusion. An [article](#).
- New IUCN report: To deliver on its promise, circular economy must take biodiversity into account. ([IUCN](#))
- Are soft legal measures in circular economy action plans enough to push through the EU's strong core economic rules that drive systemic sustainable change? An [article](#).
- CO_2 emission standards for new cars and vans: 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- Redundant car workers encouraged to join Europe's booming bike industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU Commission approves Germany's new billion-dollar electric vehicle charging programme. ([Euractiv](#))
- Standards for smart EV charging - A guide for local authorities. ([ECOS](#))
- Belgium tackles private jets and short-haul flights with new tax. ([Euronews](#))
- Borders weak spot of rail transport, warns new report. ([Euractiv](#))
- Fragmented rail system hinders shift to trains, says EU agency boss. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU commissioner: Council should return to original text of platform workers' directive. ([Euractiv](#))
- MEPs tighten protection for platform workers in key committee vote. ([Euractiv](#))
- Member States against strict EU rules to punish environmental crimes ([WWF](#), [EEB](#))
- EU water proposals not yet crystal clear. ([META](#))
- Opportunities to involve health in European climate policy. A report. ([IEEP](#))
- How Europe can improve the way mining companies do business globally. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Banks again escape EU due diligence obligation on deforestation. ([Euractiv](#))
- EBA publishes its roadmap for sustainable finance. ([EBA](#))
- Artificial intelligence for sustainable finance. A report. ([CEPS](#))
- Review of the EU budget framework: updating estimates of non-European costs. A [study](#).

- Analyses on COP15 for biodiversity. ([The Guardian](#), [WWF](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Guy Standing](#), [ILO](#), [WEF](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Greenpeace](#), [WEF](#), [GRI](#), [UNEPFI](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Various authors](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Triodos](#), [Greenpeace](#), [IEEP](#), [The Guardian](#), [Nele Marien](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Jeff Sparrow](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Amnesty International](#), [The Conversation](#), [Commission](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euractiv](#))
- EU nature restoration bill knocks on Environment Council door. ([WWF](#))
- Food security at a crossroads: an exhausted model or a sustainable one? ([Arc2020](#))
- Commission ready to come to terms with EU countries on pesticide reduction. ([Euractiv](#))
- Stricter animal welfare rules should apply to imports, EU ministers say. ([Euractiv](#))
- Reforming CAP in wartime - New report. ([Arc2020](#))
- The global challenge of climate finance. ([LSE](#))
- 'Fair' climate finance flows should be at least $250bn a year. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Vulnerable communities must lead loss and damage fund. ([Climate Home News](#))
- How EU trade agreements can lead to more climate action. ([E3G](#))
- Time for healthy EU-US climate competition. ([Greenpeace](#))

Activities

- 2022-12-07 – 2022-12-19 | COP 15 ([CBD](#) – [ENB](#))
- 20022-12-19 | Online | [EU Market Outlook for Solar Power 2022-2026](#)
- 2023-02-08 | Online | [EU Energy transition - What role for critical raw materials?](#)
- 2023-01-12 | Online | [#EUCircularTalk:"From local to global: how procurement could drive a just transition"](#)
- 2023-01-16 | Online | [#EUCircularTalks: The Taxonomy and Sustainable Finance - What does it mean for the Buildings & Infrastructure sector?](#)
- 2023-01-20 | Hybrid | [Re-negotiate: A new social contract in an age of crises](#)
- 2023-05-15 – 2023-05-17 | [Raw Materials Summit](#)

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