



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

- Priority dossiers under the Swedish EU presidency. A [briefing](#).
- EU must agree remaining climate legislation by summer, Sweden says. ([Euractiv](#))
- Incessant rain, record heat: research shows climate crisis exacerbates extreme weather. ([The Guardian](#))
- Europe had the second warmest year on record in 2022, EU scientists say. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Oceans were hottest on record in 2022, analysis shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- The past eight years have been confirmed as the eight warmest on record. ([WMO](#), [The Guardian](#))
- UN report: ozone layer on track for recovery within decades. ([UNEP](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- UAE launch Cop28 presidency with oil boss tipped for leading role. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- The new [Global Risks Report 2023](#) has been published.
- Ten topics to keep an eye on in 2023. A [briefing](#).
- How to tax renewable energy companies for windfall profits from high wholesale electricity prices. ([IEA](#))
- What Germany won in exchange for its support of the EU's gas price cap. ([Euractiv](#))
- More than 30 countries now subsidise heat pumps because their lifetime is cheaper than fossil boilers. ([Josh Gabbatiss](#))

- Europe does not seem to be saving energy in a fair and sustainable way for the coming winters. ([META](#))
- Europe is leading innovation in hydrogen technology. ([Euractiv](#))
- The world is entering a new era of clean technology production, and countries' industrial strategies will be key to success. A new report. ([IEA](#))
- Energy crisis offers opportunity to embrace new solutions that promote a secure, sustainable and inclusive energy transition. ([WEF](#))
- Hydrogen patents point to shift to clean technologies such as electrolysis, according to new joint study by IEA and EPO. ([IEA](#))
- Oil majors invest 8 times more in biofuels than hydrogen. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Fossil fuel producers should be forced to 'take back' carbon, scientists say. ([The Guardian](#))
- Is Europe's new carbon border tax fair for all? ([The Conversation](#))
- Germany announces "acceleration" of smart meter rollout. ([Euractiv](#))
- Sweden announces discovery of Europe's largest rare earth deposit. ([Euractiv](#))
- Local resistance, major stumbling block to EU critical raw materials plan ([Euractiv](#))
- European battery regulation: an exemplary step forward in several respects. ([IDDR!](#))
- Revision of the EU waste shipment regulation. A [briefing](#).
- How improving road safety can help tackle climate change. ([WEF](#))
- Thirteen critical questions for international climate action in 2023. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Sustainability as usual is over: time for radical realism. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- Open strategic autonomy: the digital dimension. A new report. ([Clingendael](#))
- A framework for economic resilience. A new report. ([ZOE](#))
- European industry has held its own, but needs a new perspective. ([Haris Doukas and Vlasios Oikonomou](#))
- EU industry boss wants to hit back at America's green subsidies with Clean Tech Act. ([Politico](#))
- Green and just transition offers \$10 trillion opportunity for global economy. A new report. ([Edie](#))
- Publication of the world's first integrated climate and nature scenario to 2050 for investors. ([PRI](#))
- 2023 outlook for sustainable finance. ([EnergyPost](#))
- Global loss of pollinators causes 500,000 premature deaths a year - study. ([The Guardian](#))
- Benefits of nature restoration: A new set of policy notes. ([IIEP](#))
- Carbon farming co-benefits: Approaches to enhance and protect biodiversity. ([IIEP](#))
- What's on the EU presidency's agriculture programme ([Arc2020](#))
- How can climate policy better address climate-induced population movements? ([Catherine Higham and Arnaud Koehl](#))
- Community conflicts and vague predictions: The five biggest reasons why carbon offset schemes fail. ([Euronews](#))
- EU-Africa relations: Counting the cost of Russia's war. ([Euractiv](#))
- Sunny side up: Maximising the potential of the European Green Deal for North Africa and Europe. ([ECFR](#))
- Climate disasters: How much would it cost to introduce early warning systems worldwide? ([Mami Mizutori](#))
- Governments called on to address impact of climate crisis on migrants. ([The Guardian](#))

Activities

- 2023-01-16 | Online | [#EUCircularTalks: The Taxonomy and Sustainable Finance - What does it mean for the Buildings & Infrastructure sector?](#)
- 2023-01-17 | Online | [Carbon removal certification](#)

- 2023-01-19 | Hybrid | [Innovation Fund: Financing Innovative Clean Tech Conference](#)
- 2023-01-20 | Hybrid | [Re-negotiate: A new social contract in an age of crises](#)
- 2023-01-20 | Online | [The EU's circular economy plan and European industry](#)
- 2023-01-26 | Hybrid | [Towards green collective bargaining in Europe: assessment of good practices and future prospects](#)
- 2023-01-26 | Webinar | [H2O - Het Blauwe Goud als duurzaam systeem](#)
- 2023-01-26 | Online | [Reuse and repair in the circular economy](#)
- 2023-01-31 | [Advancing renewable energy communities in Europe: Affordable energy. Local ownership. Resilience.](#)
- 2023-01-31 | Online | [Mercosur Trade Agreement - Will 2023 be the year it is finally ratified?](#)
- 2023-02-07 | Hybrid | [Empowering consumers for a successful green transition](#)
- 2023-02-08 | Online | [EU Energy transition - What role for critical raw materials?](#)
- 2023-02-08 | [Energy transition paths - What has the war in Ukraine changed?](#)
- 2023-02-08 | Online | [Restoring the Earth's lungs - How can forests support climate change mitigation?](#)
- 2023-02-08 | Online | [The social aspect of housing renovation](#)
- 2023-02-09 | [Digitalising development — not digitising the status quo!](#)
- 2023-02-15 | Online | [Delivering 'lighthouse' district renovation](#)
- 2023-02-22 | Online | [Technical innovation for the energy transition](#)
- 2023-02-28 – 2023-03-03 | [World Sustainable Energy Days 2023](#)
- 2023-03-10 – 2023-03-12 | [International Passive House Conference](#)
- 2023-05-15 – 2023-05-17 | [Raw Materials Summit](#)

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