



## 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

- Czech and Swedish presidencies: Presidency assessment and ten green tests. ([EEB](#))
- EU climate chief defends oil CEO appointment as COP28 boss. Greta Thunberg has a different opinion. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Warning of unprecedented heat waves as El Niño returns in 2023. ([The Guardian](#))
- State of the climate: How the world warmed in 2022. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- 'Super-tipping points' could trigger cascade of climate action. ([Systemic](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Key figures at a glance: The energy transition in 2022. ([IRENA](#))
- 45% renewable energy target 'is ambitious but achievable', says EU climate chief. ([Euractiv](#))
- In Davos, activists warn against lack of climate action and greenwashing. ([Euractiv](#))
- UN chief accuses major fossil fuel players of ignoring climate science ([Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Agreement on CBAM: a long way to go. ([IEEP](#))
- EU ETS and CBAM: what the major update to emissions trading rules means for Europe's key sectors. ([Simon Göss](#))
- Social climate fund brings EU closer to just transition. ([ESG Investor](#))
- Why the answer to the energy crisis must include an accelerated and balanced transition. ([WEF](#))
- Why we need to think about energy security in the transition to net-zero. ([WEF](#))
- Hydrogen making will absorb 2% of total global renewable capacity growth by 2027. ([IEA](#))
- Growing demand puts pressure on EU electricity grid ([Euractiv](#))

- A new EU electricity market design for a low-carbon energy system. ([Teresa Ribera](#))
- EU launches debate on electricity market reform. ([Euractiv](#))
- A European exploratory study to analyse the link between training and energy efficiency in the construction sector. An [article](#).
- Renovating houses in the EU could save 44% energy for heating. A new study. ([BPIE](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Leading business and investor networks call for an ambitious reform of the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. ([Corporate Leaders Group](#))
- Italian politics threaten to torpedo EU Buildings Directive. ([Euractiv](#))
- Here's how to build net positive houses. ([WEF](#))
- How to sell heat pumps to the public in Europe. ([Helena Uhde](#))
- New European Bauhaus a key catalyst of the European Green Deal, funding scaled up further. ([Commission](#), [Climate-KIC](#))
- Parliament supports export ban on all waste for disposal ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [EEB](#), [FEAD](#))
- More efforts needed to tackle onshore sources of marine waste. A report. ([EEA](#))
- Message on a bottle: the little-known decision that will make or break EU recycling targets. ([ECOS](#))
- Circle Economy published the [Circularity Gap Report 2023](#). ([Circular](#), [IISD](#))
- Battery 2030: resilient, sustainable and circular ([McKinsey](#)).
- The climate movement needs to engage in Big Mining like never before. ([Daniel Litvin](#))
- Promoting the circular economy with blockchain technology: Insights from a bibliometric approach. An [article](#).
- How to bring back circular consumption models. ([WEF](#))
- Airlines invoke EU freedoms to challenge green restrictions on short-haul flights. ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Aviation leaders hail green fuel as carbon saviour, but wonder who will pay. ([Euractiv](#))
- Driverless cars: The dark side of autonomous vehicles no one talks about. ([Euronews](#))
- Monitoring soil threats in Europe. A new report. ([EEA](#))
- New environmental conflicts: Towards a typology of green conflicts. An [article](#).
- Applying post-normal science with or for EU policy actors: using quantitative story-telling. An [article](#).
- EU-US climate and energy relations in light of the Inflation Reduction Act. A [briefing](#).
- Commission chair von der Leyen calls for a Green Deal Industrial Plan. ([Commission](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [PV Tech](#), [Orgalim](#), [IndustriAll](#), [HydrogenBulletin](#), [Werner Hoyer](#))
- Macron of France and Sánchez of Spain show unity on European response to US subsidies. ([Politico](#))
- Europe needs a regional green bank to implement its Green Deal and match the US. ([Esmeralda Colombo](#))
- Innovating for the European Green Deal. A new report. ([WEF](#))
- Companies will soon have to prove they are really taking climate action, according to draft EU law. ([Euronews](#))
- Fund groups warn against EU legal definition of greenwashing. ([Reuters](#))
- LEAK: EU to impose sanctions on companies making false green claims. ([Euractiv](#))
- ESG Insights: 10 issues that must be top of mind by 2023. ([WBCSD](#))
- Joint business statement on due diligence proposal (CS3D) ([Orgalim](#))
- Banks still investing heavily in fossil fuels despite net zero promises - study ([The Guardian](#))
- Financing decarbonisation through innovative economic instruments. A report. ([EEB](#))
- Independent science-based taxonomy launched to rescue official EU green investment list. ([WWF](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [ECOS](#))

- Reforming EU economic governance: missing the mark on climate is not an option. ([CAN Europe](#))
- The public sector cannot finance net zero alone. Here's how it can scale up climate investment. ([WEF](#))
- 4 reasons why banks and insurers cannot withstand the climate crisis without additional loss absorption capacity. ([Finance Watch](#))
- EU needs to reduce climate-related financial risks. ([E3G](#))
- Climate crisis threatens economic stability - why are central bankers divided? ([Howard Davies](#))
- 5 ways financial leaders can get us closer to net zero ([WEF](#))
- 'We need trees': green vision struggles to take root in European cities ([The Guardian](#))
- Can the world halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Synergy between climate and biodiversity agenda is an absolute challenge for the century ([IEEP](#))
- 3 critical steps leaders must take to halt biodiversity loss and tackle climate change. ([WEF](#))
- Extreme heat could put 40% of terrestrial vertebrates at risk by the end of the century ([The Guardian](#))
- Lawmakers divided over forestry in EU nature restoration bill. ([Euractiv](#))
- Nature restoration bill: NGO analysis of draft report in EP. ([WWF](#))
- The state of 'carbon dioxide removal' in seven charts. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Global carbon dioxide removal is 2 billion tonnes per year: report. ([Euractiv](#))
- Revealed: more than 90% of the largest provider's rainforest carbon offsets are worthless, analysis shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Greenwashing or a net zero need? Climate scientists on carbon offsets. ([The Guardian](#))
- Loopholes in EU give free rein to toxic banned pesticides. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU Supreme Court bans use of bee-toxic pesticides. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU member states oppose plans to reduce livestock emissions. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU member states seek to thwart ban on live animal transport. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU runs into a wall in fight against rising food and fertiliser prices. ([Euractiv](#))
- Decentralised renewable energy solutions could improve healthcare for nearly 1 billion people. ([IRENA](#))
- Word loss: fears of 'catastrophic' loss of languages due to rising seas. ([The Guardian](#))
- The richest 1% have amassed almost twice as much wealth as the rest of the world combined in the past two years. A new report. ([Oxfam](#))
- Researchers say environmental justice targets are needed to reduce global inequality. ([The Guardian](#))
- Brussels has been accused of using the pursuit of sustainability as a pretext to create trade barriers for the rest of the world. ([Politico](#))
- Trade solutions are needed to tackle the threat of climate change, says WTO. ([IISD](#))
- Trade and climate: EU and partner countries launch 'Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate' ([Commission](#), [E3G](#))

## Activities

- 2023-01-24 | Hybrid | [A new era for European economic governance?](#)
- 2023-01-25 | Online | [Fit for 55 - the new shape of the EU energy policy](#)
- 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](#)

- 2023-01-26 | [Towards a just transition for the gas sector and its workers: Challenges and opportunities](#)
- 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?](#)
- 2023-01-31 | Online | [Green Public Procurement: a lever to accelerate the green transition](#)
- 2023-01-31 | Webinar | [Naar een toekomst van veilige, betaalbare en schone energie: Hoe kan digitalisering helpen?](#)
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- 2023-02-09 | [Digitalising development — not digitising the status quo!](#)
- 2023-02-15 | Online | [Delivering 'lighthouse' district renovation](#)
- 2023-02-15 | Hybrid | [Unnoticed and ungoverned: How nanomaterials are slipping through the cracks](#)
- 2023-02-22 | Online | [Technical innovation for the energy transition](#)
- 2023-02-28 | Online | [The Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation – The role of closed loop circularity](#)
- 2023-02-28 – 2023-03-03 | [World Sustainable Energy Days 2023](#)
- 2023-03-10 – 2023-03-12 | [International Passive House Conference](#)
- 2023-03-21 | Hybrid | [CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> - Cornerstones of the energy transition?](#)
- 2023-05-15 – 2023-05-17 | [Raw Materials Summit](#)

### Commission documents

- 2023-01-25 | [Strengthening social dialogue](#) / - Communication on strengthening social dialogue in the European Union / - Council Recommendation to support social dialogue at EU and national level
- 2023-02-14 | [Review of the CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles](#)
- 2023-03-01 | [Road safety package](#)
- 2023-03-08 | [European critical raw materials act](#)
- 2023-03-22 | [Consumers package](#) / - Substantiating environmental claims / - Sustainable consumption of goods – promoting repair and reuse (the right to repair)
- March tbc | [Revision of EU's internal electricity market design reform](#)
- 2023-04-18 | [Digital skills and education package](#) / - Recommendation on enabling factors for digital education / - Recommendation on improving the provision of digital skills in education and training
- 2023-05-17 | [EU Hydrogen Bank](#) | [Measures to reduce the release of microplastics in the environment](#)
- 2023-05-24 | [European Semester spring package](#)
- 2023-06-07 | [Sustainable agri-food systems and use of resources](#) / - Soil Health Law / - Regulation on plants produced by new genomic techniques / - Revision of food waste and textiles aspects of the EU waste framework Directive / - Revision of legislation on seeds and other plant and forest reproductive material

- 2023-06-13 | [Screening and registration of asbestos in buildings](#) | [Social economy package](#) / - Council Recommendation on developing social economy framework conditions / - Legislative initiative on cross-border activities of associations | [Regulation on environmental, social and governance ratings](#)
- 2023-06-21 | [Digital mobility package](#) / - Multimodal digital mobility services / - A common European mobility data space | [Greening transport package](#)
- 2023-06-28 | [2023 Strategic foresight report](#)



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