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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

- EU energy markets. A [briefing](#).
- EU launches debate on electricity market reform amid rising consumer bills. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- 'No miracles needed': Prof Mark Jacobson on how wind, solar and water can power the world. ([The Guardian](#))
- From the energy crisis to (re)imagining the energy transition. ([Kimberley Vandenhole and Erik Paredis](#))
- The EU's fight against global warming must go local, says former climate leader. ([Euractiv](#))
- Why a coordinated withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty is inevitable. ([Christina Eckes](#), [Lea Main-Klingst and Lukas Schaugg](#))
- Understanding the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS). A briefing. ([Clean Energy Wire](#))
- Key French MEP calls for low-carbon 'weighting' of EU renewables target. ([Euractiv](#))
- New standards for carbon offsets 'should provide greater scrutiny' ([The Guardian](#))
- How energy efficiency could be the game changer to stop Europe's gas addiction. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Energy expert: 'There is a fundamental problem with counting biomass in energy statistics' ([Euractiv](#))
- Unmasked: How EU countries use firewood to inflate their renewable energy statistics. ([Euractiv](#))

- Biofuel is approaching resource scarcity. How bad is it? And what should be done? ([IEA](#))
- Can 'green hydrogen' grow fast enough for 1.5C? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Policy note: A sustainable hydrogen strategy for the EU. ([EEB](#))
- Research shows fuel producers' investments in biofuels outstrip hydrogen investments ([Euractiv](#))
- Extreme weather forces Europe unprepared to focus on climate adaptation. ([Clean Energy Wire](#))
- Insulating the economy: why the EU should aim high on its Buildings Directive. ([Mike Peirce, Stephanie Pfeifer and Ursula Woodburn](#))
- ECB 'broadly supports' building energy performance proposals. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Can insulating your home make you live longer? New study shows surprising gains in energy efficiency. ([Euronews](#))
- The European Commission is considering whether to regulate greenhouse gas emissions related to the entire life cycle of materials used in construction. 72 case studies show that reducing embedded carbon can save money. A report. ([Shifting Paradigms](#))
- With concrete, less is more. Changes in demand could determine the future of carbon-free concrete. ([RMI](#))
- Performance analysis of new energy-saving and environmentally friendly materials for building decoration on a whole life-cycle basis. An [article](#).
- EU can stop depending on China for batteries for electric cars by 2030. ([Transport & Environment, The Guardian](#))
- Swedish rare earth find does not yet end EU dependence on China ([Politico](#))
- Access to critical materials for the steel and wind sectors is essential for Europe's clean technology economy. ([WindEurope](#))
- EU urges European banks to step up funding for critical minerals. ([Reuters](#))
- Reusing clothes has 70 times less impact on the environment, new study shows. ([Euric, Just Style](#))
- Markets for many common recycled materials are struggling in the EU. A new report. ([EEA](#))
- The role of paradigms and technical strategies for implementing the circular economy in the polymer and composite recycling industries. An [article](#).
- The ecosystem of the sharing economy. A comprehensive overview and future research directions. An [article](#).
- What's mine is mine: unravelling the psychological reasons why people like to own things. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- A social marketing approach to voluntary simplicity: Communicating to consume less. An [article](#).
- Study on smart and affordable high-speed services in the European Union points the way to future sustainable mobility. ([Unife, Railway Pro, AllRail](#))
- Aviation industry must "embrace change", says Rome airport chief ([Euractiv](#))
- Ryanair: Low-cost airline warned of misleading carbon offset claims. ([Euronews](#))
- Modelling the air quality benefits of EU climate policy using two different PM2.5-related health impact methods. An [article](#).
- No to greenwashing: empowering consumers for the green transition. ([META](#))
- The return of industrial policy in the European Union. ([Ferdinand De Ville](#))
- Towards a permanent EU investment fund. ([Philippe Heimberger and Andreas Lichtenberger](#))
- We will not sacrifice the single market in the global race for green subsidies, says EU Vestager. ([Euractiv](#))
- Net-Zero Industry Act: now rivalling the US on social standards. ([ETUC](#))

- New legislation on the way, but only 22% of companies ready to report quantitatively on circular economy. ([Circle Economy](#))
- ESMA issues first opinion on draft European sustainability reporting standards. ([ESMA](#))
- CDP data shows that European companies are already applying key elements of the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive. ([Corporate Leaders Group](#))
- MEPs vote to hold financial sector accountable for environmental damage and human rights violations. ([WWF](#))
- ECB interest rate hikes could derail climate investments, warns MEP. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU lawmakers vote on one-to-one measures for climate capital. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Belgian firms say the weather is starting to have an impact on their operations, according to research by the EIB. ([EIB](#))
- EU regulators warn that the gas price cap could limit market liquidity. ([Euractiv](#))
- Four ways financial institutions can shape a nature-positive global economy. ([WWF](#))
- Health in global biodiversity governance: where to go from here? ([The Lancet](#))
- Food security and ecosystem resilience: Commission encourages action on pollinators. ([Commission](#), [Euronews](#))
- EU sugar sector in revolt against decision to limit bee toxic pesticides. ([Euractiv](#))
- The science is clear: we need an ambitious undelayed pesticides regulation. ([Jeroen Candel](#))
- Citizen-backed petition to ban pesticides by 2035 divides EU lawmakers. ([Euractiv](#))
- Food, feed and fuel: the global seaweed industry could reduce agricultural land requirements by 110 million hectares, a study shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Human activities and drought "affect more than a third of the Amazon forest" ([The Guardian](#))
- African Union agriculture chief: Crisis offers opportunity to produce own food. ([Euractiv](#))
- SDSN Europe report warns of stagnant progress on SDGs. ([IISD](#))
- International trade. What think tanks think. A [briefing](#).

Activities

- 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?](#)
- 2023-01-31 | [Social policy in the European Union: state of play 2022](#)
- 2023-02-01 | Online | [Farm to Fork: Feeding a continent without wrecking a planet](#)
- 2023-02-02 | Online | [Tracking climate-consistent finance flows](#)
- 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!](#)
- 2023-02-14 | [Future of work: working with and through digital technology](#)
- 2023-02-15 | Online | [Delivering 'lighthouse' district renovation](#)
- 2023-02-15 | Hybrid | [Unnoticed and ungoverned: How nanomaterials are slipping through the cracks](#)

- 2023-02-21 | Online | [Assessing Sovereign Climate-related Opportunities and Risks \(ASCOR\) project consultation](#)
- 2023-02-22 | Online | [Technical innovation for the energy transition](#)
- 2023-02-22 | Online | [Climate Justice and the Role of International Law](#)
- 2023-02-27 – 2023-02-28 | Hybrid | [Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference 2023. Recovery, Open Strategic Autonomy and Resilience.](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-03-09 | [Tackling Microplastics in the Environment](#)
- 2023-03-10 – 2023-03-12 | [International Passive House Conference](#)
- 2023-03-21 | Hybrid | [CO2, H2 and O2 - Cornerstones of the energy transition?](#)
- 2023-04-20 | Online | [EU energy and climate governance and the future of the Green Deal](#)
- 2023-05-15 – 2023-05-17 | [Raw Materials Summit](#)
- 2023-05-25 – 2023-05-26 | [The Future of Food Law](#)

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 CO2 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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