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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

- Reactions to the Green Deal industrial plan: [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Mary Hellmich and Sarah Jackson](#), [Benjamin Denis and Judith Kirton-Darling](#), [Eurec](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Clean Energy Wire](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Politico](#), [Stefano Mallia](#), [Rachel Trasher](#).
- This discussion also came up at the [special European Council](#) on 9 and 10 February. [Reuters](#), [Industrial](#), [Euractiv](#). The Commission must now elaborate on the proposals and a new discussion is scheduled for the European Council on 23-24 March.
- Climate change. What think tanks think. A [briefing](#).
- Circuses have evolved and so should UN climate summits. ([Michael Jacobs](#))
- Timmermans: Africa likely to be EU's most important renewable energy partner. ([Euractiv](#))
- Renewable energy will be the world's main source of electricity within three years, IEA data show. ([IEA](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Euronews](#))
- It takes longer to license a wind farm than to build it. ([Sandrine Dixson-Declève](#))
- Open letter: Counting on new hydropower to accelerate renewable energy deployment in Europe is irresponsible. ([EEB](#))
- We don't need miracle technologies to fix the climate. We have the means now. ([Mark Z Jacobson](#))
- Lawyer: withdrawal ECT 'is the only possible course of action'. ([Euractiv](#))
- Departure from Energy Charter Treaty 'inevitable', EU Commission says. ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#))

- Energy efficiency should be at the top of every politician's list of good intentions. ([Rasmus Abildgaard Kristensen](#))
- Hydrogen dispute brings EU renewable energy law to a halt. ([Euractiv](#))
- Hydrogen boilers - a lifeline for fossil fuel heating in Europe. ([Jan Rosenow](#))
- Future EU hydrogen grid takes shape after Parliament vote. ([Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Industry calls for policies to support inevitable transition to clean heat ([EEB](#))
- Digitalisation as essential prerequisite for a resilient and sustainable energy ecosystem. ([Digital Europe](#))
- Understanding the new EU ETS: Buildings, road transport, fuels. And how the revenues will be spent. ([Simon Göss](#))
- State aid to industry: lifeline or gravy train? ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Oil and gas multinationals look forward to mega profits ([Euractiv](#), [Oliver Milman](#))
- A European Parliament committee voted on the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. ([EP](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#), [Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- An EU renovation loan could unlock €2 trillion in future energy savings. ([Peter Sweatman](#))
- Salt batteries: Possibilities and applications of storage systems based on sodium nickel chloride batteries. An [analysis](#).
- The stumbling block in 'the race of our lives': transition-critical materials, financial risks and the NGFS climate scenarios. ([LSE](#))
- Raw materials projects must meet the highest green and social standards, NGOs say. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Leading the transition to a circular economy: lessons from governments. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- More single-use plastic waste than ever before. A report. ([SEI](#))
- Circular economy and green chemistry: The need for radical innovative approaches in designing new products. An [article](#).
- New tests show that plug-in hybrids in cities and during commutes pollute more than claimed. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Electric trucks manufactured in Europe could deliver the biggest reduction in greenhouse gas emissions over their lifetime. ([CityLogistic](#))
- How do we prepare our networks for electric trucks? ([Julia Hildermeier](#))
- Designing an autonomous, sustainable and shared mobility solution for people with mobility impairments. An [article](#).
- General product safety regulation. A [briefing](#).
- Cost-effective strategies for adaptation to rising flood risk in Europe. An [article](#).
- Climatic extremes: Can high heat and humidity take a toll on mental health? ([Euronews](#))
- Arsenic in London air raises fears over use of waste wood as fuel ([The Guardian](#))
- Environmental pollution breeds deadly superbugs. Here's how we beat them. ([Inger Andersen](#))
- EU agency begins review of ban on 'forever' chemicals ([Euractiv](#), [Safe](#))
- Recovery and resilience plans: Payment requests and payments made so far. A [briefing](#).
- Recovery and resilience plans: stakeholder engagement and their views. An [analysis](#).
- Agreement on REPowerEU chapters in recovery and resilience plans. A [briefing](#).
- Joint open letter on EU standards for sustainability reporting. ([Eurosif](#))
- EU sustainability reporting standards must reach the finish line. ([Mirjam Wolfrum](#))
- Crucial moment to ensure EU companies respect Paris Agreement. ([Amandine Van den Berghe](#), [Arianne Griffith](#), [Julia Otten](#), [Uku Lillevälli](#))
- EU lawmakers vote for tougher climate commitments for businesses. ([WWF](#), [Euractiv](#))
- 'Greenwashing' in retail financial services. A report. ([BEUC](#))
- Why foreign direct investment is needed to implement the climate justice agenda. ([WEF](#))

- Strengthening the role of finance ministries in driving climate action. ([E3G](#))
- EU Taxonomy: Environmental groups condemn Commission's commitment to "sustainable" label for fossil gas ([WWF](#), [Greenpeace](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- 9 reasons why we humans need freshwater biodiversity. ([WWF](#))
- Half of Europe's wetlands lost in last 300 years, researchers calculate. ([The Guardian](#))
- Rewilding of abandoned farmland has greater sustainability benefits than afforestation. An [article](#).
- From 'Farm' to flop? Political risks stifle EU's green food plan. ([Politico](#))
- Commission's verdict not yet known on EU court ruling on bee-toxic pesticides. ([Euractiv](#))
- European Parliament wants 80% less pesticides. ([Euractiv](#))
- Study on environmental impact of 25% organic farmland by 2030 published. ([IFOAM](#))
- Organic farming could save countries billions in environmental and climate costs, a German long-term study shows. ([Euractiv](#))
- Fertiliser emissions could be reduced to "one-fifth of today's levels" by 2050. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Effects of climate change on global food trade networks. An [article](#).
- A new 'fair deal' for climate, trade and development. ([E3G](#))
- Climate versus trade? Reconciling international subsidy rules with industrial decarbonisation. ([Bruegel](#))
- Reflections on TSD's new approach to greener trade chapters. ([IEEP](#))

Activities

- 2023-02-14 | [Future of work: working with and through digital technology](#)
- 2023-02-14 | Webinar | [How the new Green Deal Industrial Plan will bolster the H2 scale up challenge](#)
- 2023-02-14 | Hybrid | [Launch of 'Our common home: A guide to caring for our living planet'](#)
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- 2023-02-15 | Online | [Delivering 'lighthouse' district renovation](#)
- 2023-02-15 | Hybrid | [Unnoticed and ungoverned: How nanomaterials are slipping through the cracks](#)
- 2023-02-16 | Hybrid | [Ecological overshoot. How the EU can push back against resource depletion](#)
- 2023-02-21 | Online | [Assessing Sovereign Climate-related Opportunities and Risks \(ASCOR\) project consultation](#)
- 2023-02-21 – 2023-02-23 | Hybrid | [Right to Energy Forum 2023](#)
- 2023-02-22 | Online | [Technical innovation for the energy transition](#)
- 2023-02-22 | Online | [Climate Justice and the Role of International Law](#)
- 2023-02-22 | Online | [Key figures on the European food chain](#)
- 2023-02-23 | Webinar | [Addressing today's crises: Aligning short-term measures with long-term goals](#)
- 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 | [Inclusivity and the Green Deal: The future of the Social Economy](#)
- 2023-02-28 – 2023-03-03 | [World Sustainable Energy Days 2023](#)
- 2023-03-09 | [Tackling Microplastics in the Environment](#)
- 2023-03-09 | Online | [Beyond the Hype: Hydrogen Policies for the Climate Crisis](#)
- 2023-03-10 – 2023-03-12 | [International Passive House Conference](#)
- 2023-03-21 | Hybrid | [CO2, H2 and O2 - Cornerstones of the energy transition?](#)

- 2023-03-21 | Hybrid | [Stakeholder conference on mitigating the social impact of the transition to automation and digitalisation in transport](#)
- 2023-03-21 | [Law and the End of Anthropocentrism](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-06-20 – 2023-06-21 | [Second International Conference on New Pathways for a Just and Inclusive Energy Transition: Connecting Multiple Stakeholders and Levels](#)

Commission documents

- 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](#)
- 2023-03-14 | [Revision of EU's internal electricity market design reform](#)
- 2023-03-22 | [Consumers package](#) / - Substantiating environmental claims / - Sustainable consumption of goods – promoting repair and reuse (the right to repair)
- 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](#)
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- 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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