



## 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

- Is the EU ready for the next big climate battle? ([Jens Mattias Clausen and Martin Birk Rasmussen](#))
- Stakeholders say SMEs are central to integrating AI into climate action. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU climate leadership now lies with foreign ministers. ([Belinda Schäpe and Jule Könneke](#))
- European spending on energy crisis approaches €800bn: study. ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#))
- EU focuses on long-term solutions to energy crisis. ([Euractiv](#))
- Seven EU countries call for prudent electricity market reform. ([Euractiv](#))
- [IndustriAll Europe](#) calls for thorough reform of EU electricity market design.
- Electricity market design: one size will not fit all. ([Aleksandra Gawlikowska-Fyk and Joanna Maćkowiak-Pandera](#))
- Energy system of the future. Rethinking the European electricity market for a flexible, resilient, people-oriented and efficient system with 100% renewables. A briefing note. ([CAN Europe](#))
- From emergency response to energy security in Europe. A briefing. ([E3G](#))
- Commission sets rules for renewable hydrogen ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Why hydrogen blending hydrogen wasting? ([CAN Europe](#))
- Biomass battle leaves EU renewable energy talks deadlocked. ([Euractiv](#))
- New IRENA report highlights the changing role of hydropower. ([IRENA](#))
- Review of 2021-2030 effort-sharing regulation: 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).

- The world risks sliding into a climate 'doom loop', think tanks warn. ([The Guardian](#))
- How quickly should the world "phase out" all fossil fuels? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Due to the global energy crisis, fossil fuel consumption subsidies reached a record high in 2022. ([IEA](#))
- Why sufficiency should not be overlooked in the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. ([EEB](#))
- Energy crisis prompts tackle 'blind spot' of leaky buildings. ([Reuters](#))
- Ready for renewables: Heating industry leads clean heat transition, calls for policy to follow. ([META](#))
- Energy efficiency on construction sites: barriers and incentives. An [article](#).
- The role of ceramic building materials in a circular economy. A report. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Battle over EU packaging waste law. ([Euractiv](#))
- What it takes to ecologically design for a circular economy. ([Valérie Boiten](#))
- Disclaimer: A product is not reusable because it can be washed. ([ECOS](#))
- Making nano- and advanced materials safe for all. A report. ([ECOS](#))
- Locked in: what is linear lock-in and how can we break free from it? ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- Embedded carbon emissions: meaning and measurements. ([E3G](#))
- New product liability directive. A [briefing](#).
- Green public procurement: a key to decarbonising construction and road transport in the EU. A report. ([SEI](#))
- Industrial policy is back, but Europe needs a new way of thinking to secure minerals. ([Julia Poliscanova](#))
- Sorting mixed waste is essential to meet EU circular economy targets. A study. ([Zero Waste Europe](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Can industry combat the ecological crisis? An approach to developing a new circular bioeconomy model based on biocomposite materials. An [article](#).
- The Commission has a proposal to revise CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles. Comments in advance: [Sandra Roling](#), [Euractiv](#). Commission proposal: [Commission](#). Post-publication comments: [Euractiv](#), [ICCT](#), [IndustriAll](#), [CLEPA](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Eltis](#).
- Fit for 55: zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for new cars and vans by 2035. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Uber, Ikea, Coca Cola and others call on EU to ensure all new company cars are electric after 2030. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EU investment rules will greenwash 90% of polluting Airbus planes. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Study on railway border crossings: significant potential for journey time reduction. ([ERA](#))
- How does the ETS work for shipping? A briefing. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Traffic-related air pollution exceeds WHO limits in UK and EU capitals: study. ([Euractiv](#))
- Social approaches to the transition to smart cities. A [study](#).
- EU Council reopens discussion on status of platform workers. ([Euractiv](#))
- Open letter: protecting consumers from unfair commercial practices and greenwashing. ([EEB](#))
- Proposed ban on goods made with forced labour. A [briefing](#).
- A green industrial policy, if properly implemented, can create value for all of us. ([Sebastian Mang](#))
- Eleven EU countries urge 'great caution' on relaxation of state aid rules. ([Euractiv](#))
- Buy European Act: An effective response to the US Inflation Reduction Act? ([Théo Bourgery-Gonse](#))
- Green Deal Industrial Plan: ensuring EU leadership in clean technology. ([EP](#))

- Strategy and risk: How to make the Green Deal Industrial Plan a geo-economic success? ([ECFR](#))
- REPowerEU: Energy measures should be added to national recovery plans. ([EP](#))
- Resetting the EU business model after the watershed. ([EPC](#))
- Slow progress on EU budget rules. ([Euractiv](#))
- Climate pledges by leading companies are misleading, going for less than half of what is needed by 2030. ([New Climate Institute](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#))
- New CDP data shows that companies recognise the need for climate transition plans, but are not moving fast enough now that there is a disclosure requirement. ([CDP](#))
- Climate transition plans for banks: EU lawmakers on edge. ([Anuschka Hilke](#))
- Alarming levels of PFAS in Norwegian Arctic ice pose new risk to wildlife. ([The Guardian](#))
- Recent decline in snow cover Alps 'unprecedented' in last 600 years. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Biodiversity policy must go beyond economic growth. ([Stockholm Resilience Centre](#))
- Human responses to climate change are likely to determine the fate of biodiversity. ([PNAS](#))
- Harnessing soil biodiversity to promote human health in cities. An article. ([Nature](#))
- A third of companies involved in deforestation have no policy to stop it. ([The Guardian](#))
- Analysis of the European Commission's legislative proposal for the Carbon Removal Certification Framework (CRCF) ([EEB](#))
- European Parliament: Tax pesticides to fund integrated pest management. ([Euractiv](#))
- 286 organisations urge Commission President to stick to timetable for Sustainable Food Systems Bill. ([WWF](#), [FoEE](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- On the Commission's expected proposal for a new seed marketing law. ([Arc2020](#))
- EU emissions reduction plan hits three times more pig and poultry farms than thought ([Euractiv](#))
- EU dumps 37 million pieces of plastic clothing in Kenya every year. Which country is the worst offender? ([Euronews](#))
- 4 ways a greener economy can help indebted countries. ([WEF](#))
- 'Loss and Damage' fund deadline delay increases risk of delay. ([Climate Home News](#))
- We need to put the smoke and mirrors of climate finance behind us. ([META](#))
- The climate refugee crisis has landed on European shores - and we are far from ready. ([Ibrahim Özdemir](#))
- Rising seas threaten "mass exodus on biblical scale", warns UN chief. ([The Guardian](#))

## Activities

- 2023-02-20 | Online | [Prudential Net-zero Transition Plans](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-02-23 | Webinar | [Consumption Footprint: assessing the environmental impact of the consumption patterns of the EU, its Member States and citizens](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-03-02 | Online | [How can sustainable timber buildings help fight the climate crisis?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-03-29 | Online | [Critical minerals, geopolitics, and the risks for achieving net-zero 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](#)
- 2023-06-20 – 2023-06-21 | [Second International Conference on New Pathways for a Just and Inclusive Energy Transition: Connecting Multiple Stakeholders and Levels](#)
- 2023-07-19 | [Tackling energy poverty for a just transition](#)

#### Commission documents

- 2023-02-22 | [Orientation debate on competitiveness – follow-up to the European Council](#)
- 2023-03-01 | [Road safety package](#)
- 2023-03-14 | [Revision of EU's internal electricity market design reform](#) | [Net Zero industry act](#) | [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)
- 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 \(tbc\)](#)
- 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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