The European Green Deal
We want to reconcile our economy with our planet, and make it work for our people.

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

- 'Fit for 55' progress - what was agreed (provisionally) in December? ([ETUI](#))
- Review of the EU ETS: 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- EU energy security and the war in Ukraine: From sprint to marathon. A [briefing](#).
- Ukraine: building back better and greener. ([Iryna Stavchuk](#))
- Marginalisation of domestic users in smart grids. An [article](#).
- Germany on collision course with France and Spain over EU electricity market reform. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Energy ministers meet on 27 and 28 February. ([Council](#), [E3G](#))
- EC delegated act on renewable hydrogen production. An analysis. ([EEB](#))
- It's not just about the colour: too much hydrogen is not sustainable ([Cosimo Tansini and Luke Haywood](#))
- Heat pumps prevented 8 million tonnes of CO_2 emissions in Europe last year: Which country sold the most? ([Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Heat pumps 'up to three times cheaper' than green hydrogen in Europe, study shows ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Berlin presents plan to bring solar and wind industry back to German soil. ([Euractiv](#))
- Investment in renewable energy reached a record high, but needs to be sharply increased and distributed more fairly. A new report. ([IRENA](#))
- Capturing excess heat could power most of Europe, experts say. ([The Guardian](#))
- What if more energy storage could help solve climate change? A [briefing](#).

- 'No excuse', IEA tells fossil fuel industry over methane leaks. (IEA, Euractiv)
- AI and energy justice. An article.
- Understanding energy citizenship: How cultural capital is shaping the energy transition. An article.
- ECT boss accuses EU of protecting fossil fuels by blocking reforms. (Climate Home News)
- Assessing options for the future with the Energy Charter Treaty. A briefing. (CAN Europe)
- A European Green Deal Diplomatic Toolkit. (E3G)
- Social Climate Fund: A giant with feet of clay? (ETUI)
- Big consultancies are now advising on climate change. Does this conflict with their regular work? (Emma Thomasson)
- Green housing must be affordable and inclusive for all. (Barbara Steenbergen, Christophe Robert, Freek Spinnewijn and Sorcha Edwards)
- Embracing a renewable heating revolution in our buildings. A report. (CAN Europe)
- Fossil fuel fever: A loophole in EU building legislation threatens to keep gas boilers in our homes. (META)
- Renovations and urgent phase-out of fossil fuels needed to decarbonise heating in Europe. (EEA)
- Mayor of Rome wants to tackle carbon emissions with renovation wave of buildings. (Euractiv)
- Jobs and skills for a circular built environment. A report. (Circle Economy)
- Circular economy still too fragmented to increase sustainability in EU construction sector. A report. (CEW)
- Scaling up good practices can increase sustainability of plastics. A report. (EEA)
- Less plastic or more recycling - countries divided ahead of treaty negotiations. (Climate Home News)
- Industrial policy is back, but Europe needs a new way of thinking to secure minerals. (Transport & Environment)
- Extractivism: Sooner or later everything becomes critical (Giorgio Kaldor)
- How the internet of things is helping the circular transition. (Antonella Ilaria Totaro)
- Lawmakers must provide a driver-centred charging network. (André Kaufung, Lucie Mattera, Philippe Vangeel and Sigrid de Vries)
- Business as usual 'dangerous' for aviation, warns Rome airport chief (Euractiv)
- Will the EU approve aviation's biggest act of greenwashing in decades? (Jo Dardenne, Transport & Environment)
- Will the computing power needed for self-driving cars create a carbon emissions problem similar to data centres? (Adam Zewe)
- 'Game over' for EU's REACH chemical safety review, say campaigners. (Euractiv)
- Less air pollution improves children's lung development, study shows. (The Guardian)
- How the clash between the EU and US over green subsidies kicked into high gear (ETUI)
- Tesla: US beats EU in looming subsidy race. (Euractiv)
- How Europe should respond to the US inflation reduction act. (Bruegel)
- Just decarbonisation: an opportunity for EU-US cooperation. (E3G)
- Industrial emissions must come down - key reminders for EU lawmakers. (ClientEarth)
- Just decarbonisation observatory to guide Europe's transformation process. (IndustriAll)
- NextGenerationEU: Two years after adoption, the Recovery and Resilience Facility remains a central driver of the EU's green and digital transformation. (Commission)
- Interlinkages between the just ecological transition and digital transformation. A report. (ETUI)
- Smallholder farmers from the South take the floor for inclusive due diligence. (Catarina Vieira, Elena Lunder, Fanny Gauttier and Meri Hyrske-Fischer)

- EU due diligence law could boost competitiveness of mining sector. ([Euractiv](#))
- Seven reforms to EU economic governance for a stronger, greener and more resilient Europe. A report. ([CAN Europe, EEB](#))
- Seven reasons why policymakers are not accelerating the green transition. ([Net Zero Investor](#))
- Companies promote "insetting" as new offsetting technique, but report claims it's worse. ([Climate Home News](#))
- 'Blank cheques': Environmental groups sue BNP Paribas over fossil fuel loans ([Euronews](#))
- 'First step': Reformers react to World Bank plan to free up climate spending. ([Climate Home News](#))
- UN tries again to finalise treaty to protect high seas. ([Euractiv](#), [NPR](#))
- EU as diplomatic leader in biodiversity negotiations. ([IEEP](#))
- 5 ways businesses can implement the new Global Biodiversity Framework. ([WEF](#))
- Brussels grapples with possible consequences of EU nature restoration legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission measures on fertilisers not enough for the long term, warn MEPs. ([Euractiv](#))
- Germany bets on integrated pest management to halve pesticide use. ([Euractiv](#))
- IEEP calls for ambition to set a clear target for pesticide use reduction before the end of the current Commission's term. ([IEEP](#))
- Real pesticide action: Our moment to unite politics, people and nature. ([META](#))
- Commission sounds alarm as progress on pesticide reduction plan stalls ([Euractiv](#))
- Scientific study shows synthetic pesticides are significantly more dangerous than natural pesticides. ([IFOAM](#))
- Fisheries, aquaculture and marine ecosystems: transition to clean energy and ecosystem protection for increased sustainability and resilience. ([Commission](#), [WWF](#), [Seas at Risk](#), [Euractiv](#))
- EU agency supports cage-free chicken farming. ([Euractiv](#))
- A truly sustainable protein transition requires more than just technological solutions. ([WUR](#))
- Regional carbon agriculture? An Italian example. ([Arc2020](#))
- Why we need ambitious, legally binding EU food waste targets. A briefing. ([EEB](#))
- Commission: Labelling 'jungle' deters consumers from buying green food. ([Euractiv](#))
- German government takes first step towards more organic farming. ([Euractiv](#))
- 'We have no time to waste': Ban Ki-moon criticises delay in climate funding. ([The Guardian](#))
- Can higher ambitions in developed countries create 'carbon space' for others? ([CarbonBrief](#))

Activities

- 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 | Webinar | [Skills enhancement needed for Energy Efficient Historic Buildings](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-03-16 | Webinar | [Data-driven innovations for monitoring the performance of buildings](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-03-21 | [Circularity, Sufficiency, and Justice: new approaches to governance of the twin transition of digitalization and sustainability](#)
- 2023-03-29 | Online | [Critical minerals, geopolitics, and the risks for achieving net-zero transition](#)
- 2023-03-30 | Online | [Sustainable Finance in the Global South](#)
- 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

- 2023-03-01 | [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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