



## 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

- Global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions rose less in 2022 than initially feared, as clean energy growth largely offset the effect of greater use of coal and oil. ([IEA](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Energy battle won, but fight not yet over, says EU energy chief. ([Euractiv](#))
- How Europe is weighing the geopolitical risks of its energy supply. ([Alexandra Brzozowski and Kira Taylor](#))
- EU plans to extend gas consumption reduction targets. ([Euractiv](#))
- Clean energy technologies will exceed expectations for the 40% renewable energy target and put the EU on track for 45% by 2030. ([Ember](#), [Euronews](#))
- Statistical evidence on the contribution of citizen-led initiatives and projects to Europe's energy transition. An [article](#).
- Limiting emissions of fluorinated gases advances EU fight against climate change. ([EP](#))
- Heat pump manufacturers concerned about EU crackdown on global warming F-gases ([Euractiv](#))
- Electricity market reform: Paris challenges Berlin over timetable. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU seeks 'targeted' reform of electricity market, says energy chief. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU electricity market reform. A [briefing](#).
- Review of the market stability reserve for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Fit for 55 package. A [briefing](#).
- The role of European municipalities and regions in financing energy improvements in buildings. An [article](#).

- Consumers should not foot the bill for expensive hydrogen experiments. ([Monique Goyens](#))
- Joint statement on the EPBD. ([Hydrogen Europe](#))
- EU dependence on raw materials from China: preparing for worst-case scenario. ([Euractiv](#))
- Europe's used textiles are a growing waste and export problem. ([EEA](#))
- Portuguese shoemakers rethink business models, recycle in green push. ([Euractiv](#))
- CCD report presents circular economy practices in European cities. ([Circular Cities Declaration](#))
- As their sales continue to rise, global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from SUVs approach 1 billion tonnes. ([IEA](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Italy seeks alliance with France and Germany to temper EU car emissions legislation ([Euractiv](#))
- Germany abstains on combustion engine ban without e-fuel proposal ([Euractiv](#))
- Will attempts to ban the internal combustion engine fall at the last hurdle? ([Euractiv](#))
- Securing our industrial base during the green transition: what will it take? ([ACEA](#))
- The "last drop of diesel" cartel. ([William Todts](#))
- Putting on the brakes: the short-sightedness of EU policies to decarbonise cars. An [article](#).
- Used electric cars are popular, lease deals are not. A report. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Trucks: less time in traffic jams. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Road safety: Commission proposes updated driving licence requirements and better cross-border enforcement of traffic rules. ([Commission](#))
- Rail giants clash with ticketing platforms ahead of new EU travel law. ([Euractiv](#))
- Rail should be included in the Commission's Green Deal Industrial Plan, says CER. ([RailFreight.com](#))
- The simple solution to air pollution from aircraft. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Slow down to speed up: why net zero mobility needs degrowth. ([META](#))
- Great irony that winter sports are sponsored by climate polluters, report shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Environmental crime is a crime - it's time to act on it. ([META](#))
- Need to update REACH information requirements. ([EEB](#))
- Urban wastewater treatment: updating EU rules. A [briefing](#).
- The clean technologies of the energy transition are revolutionising industrial policy. ([Carbon Tracker](#))
- Organising the chaos: the sensible plan industry needs for its green transition. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Ambitious green reconstruction will make Ukraine and the EU safer. ([Anna Ackermann](#))
- IMF warns of 'protectionism' in green subsidies rich world ([Climate Home News](#))
- EU reaction to Inflation Reduction Act must not hurt competitive markets. ([Max von Thun](#))
- Sustainable competitiveness needs a social dimension. ([Isabelle Barthès and Patricia Velicu](#))
- EU tackles greenwashing with 'proportionate' sanctions. ([The Guardian](#))
- It is time to improve EU tax rules. ([Ludovic Suttor-Sorel](#))
- The European single market at 30. ([HBS](#))
- Sustainable finance: provisional agreement on European green bonds. ([Council](#), [EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [ESG Today](#), [WWF](#))
- How to make the CSDD directive practical for the investment industry. ([PRI](#))
- The new risk frontier in finance: biodiversity loss. A report. ([Allianz SE](#))
- Overconsumption by the rich must be addressed, says acting UN biodiversity chief. ([The Guardian](#))
- Collapse ecosystem 'inevitable' unless loss of wildlife is reversed ([The Guardian](#))
- Research shows climate crisis leads to increase in human-wildlife conflict ([The Guardian](#))
- EU nature restoration law: gain or loss for Sweden's forests? ([Gustaf Lind and Johanna Sandahl](#))

- Scientists prove clear link between deforestation and localised rainfall decline ([The Guardian](#))
- Our Ocean Conference: EU announces €816.5 million commitments to protect ocean. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Swedish minister expects work only half done with plan to reduce pesticides. ([Euractiv](#))
- Integrated pest management a success in Spain, but more support needed. ([Euractiv](#))
- Neonicotinoids and their substitutes in sustainable pest management. A report. ([EASAC](#))
- A report on the reform of the EU seed marketing regime. ([Arc2020](#))
- UN sets date for talks on loss and damage, risk of Asia not showing up. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Renewable energy and land use: barriers to a just transition in the South. ([FoEE](#))
- A new joint report by an international panel of development experts outlines the recommendations needed to support a path to green, resilient and inclusive development. ([LSE](#))
- Vanuatu gathers support for UN declaration on climate justice. ([Climate Home News](#))
- NGOs call on EU Commission to choose climate over free trade. ([Transport & Environment](#))

## Activities

- 2023-03-06 | [The EU's Carbon-neutral Future: Achieving net zero by 2050](#)
- 2023-03-08 | Hybrid | [Multiplying the Rs in industrial innovation: rethinking, redesigning, reusing, repairing, recycling](#)
- 2023-03-09 | [Tackling Microplastics in the Environment](#)
- 2023-03-09 | Online | [Beyond the Hype: Hydrogen Policies for the Climate Crisis](#)
- 2023-03-10 | Webinar | [The New Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#)
- 2023-03-10 | Webinar | [Open public consultation on new product priorities for Ecodesign for Sustainable Products](#)
- 2023-03-10 | Webinar | [Public Procurement of Green and Circular Skills](#)
- 2023-03-10 – 2023-03-12 | [International Passive House Conference](#)
- 2023-03-15 | [All hands on deck: Putting people & skills at the core of the circular economy](#)
- 2023-03-16 | Webinar | [Data-driven innovations for monitoring the performance of buildings](#)
- 2023-03-21 | Hybrid | [CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> - 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](#)
- 2023-03-22 | Hybrid | [The European Green Deal in Central and Eastern Europe – quo vadis in times of crises](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-03-30 | [In search for circularity](#)
- 2023-03-30 | [Boosting recycling through future-fit policies](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-04-26 | [Metabuilding: Enhancing the circularity in the Construction Sector](#)
- 2023-05-15 – 2023-05-17 | Hybrid | [Beyond Growth. Pathways towards Sustainable Prosperity in the EU](#)
- 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

- 2023-03-14 | [Net Zero industry act](#) | [European critical raw materials act](#)
- 2023-03-16 | [Revision of EU’s internal electricity market design reform](#) | [The Single Market at 30](#) | [Long-term competitiveness strategy](#)
- 2023-03-22 | [Consumers package](#) / - Substantiating environmental claims / - Sustainable consumption of goods – promoting repair and reuse (the right to repair)
- 2023-04-05 | [Communication in response to the European citizens’ initiative Save Bees and Farmers!](#)
- 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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