



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

- EU: data shows that the war between Russia and Ukraine has not led to more coal and emissions. On the contrary. ([Lauri Myllyvirta](#))
- Europe experienced second warmest winter ever, EU scientists say. ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#))
- There is a meeting of [environment ministers](#) on 16 March. ([EEB](#))
- EU co-legislators prepare for key negotiations on the future of renewables. ([WWF](#), [WindEurope](#))
- Tug-of-war over ambition threatens EU energy efficiency legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Council and Parliament reach agreement on energy efficiency directive. ([Council](#), [Commission](#), [EP](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Six barriers to Europe's energy transition. ([Construction21](#))
- Energy sector CEOs: Europe needs a stronger wind energy supply chain and clear investment signals. ([WindEurope](#))
- Revealed: 1,000 super-emitting methane leaks threaten to cause climate upheaval. ([The Guardian](#))
- Lessons from the IPCC's sixth assessment on the urgent switch from fossil fuels and the risks of misplaced faith in false solutions. An analysis. ([CIEL](#))
- EU agrees global fossil fuel phase-out ahead of COP28 ([Euractiv](#))
- Brussels aims for 40% clean technology production in Europe by 2030. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- What can we expect from the EU electricity market review? ([Euractiv](#))

- How can we realistically reform the EU electricity market in the time remaining? ([CEPS](#))
- Germany plans tariff on industrial electricity to undercut US and China. ([Euractiv](#))
- Improvements needed in assessing the costs and benefits of climate adaptation. ([EEA](#))
- How climate adaptation plans for European cities are gradually improving. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Women more likely to fall into energy poverty, EU parliament warns. ([Euractiv](#))
- Brussels prepares strategy to boost the use of heat pumps. ([Euractiv](#))
- Plans to ban fossil fuel stoves spark outrage in Germany. ([Euractiv](#))
- Leaked emails show that the gas industry is lobbying hard against the phasing out of EU boilers. ([The Guardian](#))
- Why European mayors support ambitious building renovation targets. ([Júlia López Ventura](#))
- Sustainable construction: lessons from Helsinki. ([Kaisa-Reeta Koskinen and Tomi Rantala](#))
- Impact of circular economy measures in the European Union's built environment on a net zero target. An [article](#).
- Recycling discarded solar panels is not easy. These Australian scientists may have found a solution. ([Euronews](#))
- Why the EU needs bold and comprehensive strategies for critical minerals. ([Fatih Birol and Pascal Canfin](#))
- There will be no energy transition in Europe without opening up new sustainably managed mines. ([Leon de Graaf](#))
- Critical minerals: recycling 'not a panacea', says industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- Two-thirds of European battery production at risk - analysis. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EU Commission wants to extract 10% of critical raw materials in Europe. ([Euractiv](#))
- Shaping raw materials policy: time for civil society to act. ([META](#))
- Securing Europe's supply of critical raw materials: The material nature of the EU's strategic goals. A [briefing](#).
- Rethink Plastic alliance: feedback on the proposed packaging and packaging waste regulation. ([EEB](#))
- From Europe to Africa and Asia: the journey of discarded textiles. ([Euractiv](#))
- Digital technologies can promote the circular economy - but what about their sustainability impact? An [article](#).
- Anger in Germany over postponement of vote on internal combustion engine ban. ([Euractiv](#))
- Germany closes ranks to stop the end of the car. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [BEUC](#))
- Land used for European biofuels could feed 120 million people a day. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- MaaS: A piece of the mobility integration puzzle for a richer transport experience. ([Intelligent Transport](#))
- Aviation's contribution to European Union climate action: Review of the EU ETS as regards aviation. A [briefing](#).
- More than 170 trillion plastic particles float in oceans, scientists say. ([The Guardian](#))
- Key actions for safer and more sustainable chemicals. A report. ([EEA](#))
- Revision of the EU regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures. A [briefing](#).
- Air pollution 'accelerates osteoporosis' in postmenopausal women. ([The Guardian](#))
- Managing the health risks of climate change. A [report](#).
- Four ways women have brought much-needed change to the climate movement. ([Eleonore Soubeyran](#))
- Key steps towards a feminist EU foreign climate policy. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Addressing gendered gaps in digital technology for a just and inclusive transition. ([IIED](#))
- How to shape Europe's net-zero industry plan. ([Jakob Hafele and Jonathan Barth](#))
- The "Buy European" clauses in the Net-Zero Industry Act. ([Euractiv](#))

- We love the IRA: European companies lured by simplicity of US green subsidies. ([Euractiv](#))
- US, EU begin talks on free trade deal. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU relaxes subsidy rules for green technology. ([Euractiv](#), [Commission](#))
- Industrial policy, state aid and clean technology. What think tanks think. A [briefing](#).
- Making the most of the European Year of Skills. ([Sofia Fernandes](#))
- Commission pleased with political agreement on European Year of Skills. ([Commission](#))
- German workers want green transition, but not with lower pay. ([Euractiv](#))
- Greenwashing of companies - abuse of 'net zero' promises. ([Lindsay Otis](#))
- First lessons from the Recovery and Resilience Facility for the EU economic governance framework. A [study](#).
- Small businesses are key to a more sustainable and inclusive world. Here's why. ([WEF](#))
- One article could be removed from the EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability. Actually, it is crucial. ([Katie Hill and Wojciech Baginski](#))
- Civil society organisations call on EU to enforce ambitious new corporate reporting rules. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Rethinking fiscal policy is everyone's business - here's why. ([META](#))
- EU Taxonomy: Better no delegated act than a greenwashed one. ([WWF](#), [BirdLife](#))
- EU welcomes 'historic moment' as UN seals treaty to protect high seas. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [The Guardian](#), [UN News](#), [Euronews](#), [Reuters](#), [Commission](#), [Nature](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- The role of the blue economy in a sustainable future. ([Darian McBain](#))
- 'Very precarious': Europe faces growing water crisis as winter drought worsens ([The Guardian](#))
- Research shows meat, dairy and rice production will fail to meet 1.5°C climate target. ([Nature](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Member states push for exemption from emissions reduction legislation for low-input livestock. ([Euractiv](#))
- 'Save bees and farmers': A European citizens' initiative on bee-friendly agriculture for a healthy environment. ([Commission](#))
- Commission wants to stop emergency use of all banned pesticides ([Euractiv](#))
- Review of the global scientific literature on food waste and loss. An [article](#).
- EU food systems law focused on green labelling and procurement. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU framework for sustainable food systems - potential for climate action. An [article](#).
- Rising temperatures in the tropics lead to lower coffee yields and higher prices, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Breaking the cycle of unsustainable food systems, hunger and debt. A new report. ([IPES Food](#))
- Lawmakers urge Hungary to lift veto on EU-ACP treaty. ([Euractiv](#))
- Vulnerable countries establish alliance to draft loss and damage action plans. ([Climate Home News](#))

Activities

- 2023-03-14 | Online | [Policy discussion panel: 'What role\(s\) for finance ministries in climate action?'](#)
- 2023-03-15 | [All hands on deck: Putting people & skills at the core of the circular economy](#)
- 2023-03-15 | Hybrid | [Climate Litigation in Europe – where next?](#)
- 2023-03-15 | Webinar | [Plastic Pollution & Cities: Building Momentum Towards a Global Plastics Treaty](#)

- 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](#)
- 2023-03-21 | Hybrid | [Mixed Waste Sorting: the next frontier for managing residual waste for maximum circularity](#)
- 2023-03-21 | Webinar | [EU chemicals and products regulations: what should you expect in 2023?](#)
- 2023-03-22 | Hybrid | [The European Green Deal in Central and Eastern Europe – quo vadis in times of crises](#)
- 2023-03-22 | Hybrid | [Electricity Market Design – How can the system benefit from investments in flexibility?](#)
- 2023-03-28 | Webinar | [“Let’s talk circular architecture”](#)
- 2023-03-29 | Online | [Critical minerals, geopolitics, and the risks for achieving net-zero transition](#)
- 2023-03-29 | Hybrid | [Electricity Market Design - Fit for Net Zero](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-05-03 – 2023-05-04 | [European Conference on Connected and Automated Driving](#)
- 2023-05-09 | [Sustainable Investment Forum Europe 2023](#)
- 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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