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

- The Commission presented the plans for the 'Net zero industry act' and the 'Raw Materials Act'. Before the publication: Transport & Environment, CAN Europe, Thomas Pellerin-Carlin, Politico, Abigail Wulf and Kaare Nielsen. Commission proposals: Net Zero Industry Act, Raw Materials Act. After the publication: Reuters, Politico, Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv, Hydrogen Europe, Wind Europe, Orgalim, Eurofer, CEPI, IndustriAll, Fern, FoEE, CEW, Business Europe, Business Europe, E3G, WWF, Transport & Environment.
- The Commission presented the plans for electricity market reform. Before the publication: Euractiv, Politico. The Commission's proposal. After the publication: Euractiv, BEUC, E3G, CAN Europe.
- Climate change: Parliament votes for 40% cut in emissions by member states. (EP)
- Can current EU climate policy reliably achieve climate neutrality by 2050? A report. (Ecologic)
- Reactions to last week's agreement on energy efficiency: EHPA, CAN Europe.
- Europe's energy crisis: What factors caused the record fall in natural gas demand by 2022? (IEA)
- A new Solar Jobs Guide to tackle the solar skills challenge. (SolarPower Europe)
- EU agrees to diplomatic push for fossil fuel phase-out ahead of COP28 (Climate Home News)
- 1.5°C target not achievable under current conditions, says COP27 host. (Euractiv)
- The uncomfortable truth about EU climate and energy ambitions. (Brigitta Bozsó and Klaus Röhrig)

- Progress towards the European Green Deal. (DW)
- Adapting to climate: The race to cool Europe's cities. A report. (EPC)
- From heating swimming pools to vertical farms, data centres are proving their worth. But is it enough? (Euronews)
- The European Parliament voted on the EPBD directive. Before the vote: Euractiv, Euractiv, Ciarán Cuffe, Laia Segura and Javier Tobías, Euractiv, Euractiv, EEB. After the vote: EP, Euractiv, Euractiv, REScoop, CAN Europe, EEB, Glass for Europe, Bellona, WWF, E3G, Politico.
- Seeing the forest for the trees: How sustainable wooden buildings can help combat the climate crisis. (ECOS)
- Circular economy of cultural heritage - Opportunity to create a new tourism product through adaptive reuse. An article.
- Critical minerals: will there be enough to meet the target of net zero emissions by 2050? (EnergyPost)
- Crisis management of chip shortages on the table of EU negotiators. (Euractiv)
- EU Commission rejects industry priority access to recycled PET bottles. (Euractiv)
- Austria joins Germany in opposing ban on internal combustion engines. (Euractiv)
- The real cost of Germany blocking the internal combustion engine ban. (Julia Poliscanova)
- Germany wants e-fuel solution in dispute over car engines. (Politico)
- Nine of the EU's largest environmental NGOs have written to the German government asking it to support the agreement on the phasing out of internal combustion engines that they agreed to in November. (Transport & Environment)
- Austria is not withdrawing its support for CO_2 legislation for cars, the minister said. (Reuters)
- Travel industry ponders green future, but tourists don't want to pay. (Reuters)
- 85% of companies worldwide have no credible plans to reduce corporate flight emissions. (Transport & Environment)
- Commission accused of backtracking on ban on soya for biofuels (Euractiv)
- Worrying number of dangerous products reaching consumers shows authorities need to do more. (BEUC)
- Revision of Directive 2008/99/EC: protecting the environment through criminal law. A briefing.
- Toxic 'forever chemicals' found in toilet paper around the world (The Guardian)
- Waiting for REACH: The negative consequences of delaying reform of EU chemicals legislation. A study. (EEB)
- Action on jobs, skills and regional disparities is essential for the green transition, says OECD. (OECD)
- Biden, von der Leyen signal thaw over trade tensions. (Euractiv, Politico)
- What do green subsidies mean for the future of climate and trade? (WEF)
- How can green industry be promoted without subsidies? (Patrick Ten Brink and Luke Haywood)
- Energy prices, not US subsidies, are Europe's biggest problem. (Elisabetta Cornago and John Springford)
- Green industrial strategies: Useful elements for transatlantic trade. (CSIS)
- EU state aid: The good and the bad of opening the floodgates. (Euractiv)
- EU's Breton: Joint debt for green transition no longer a priority. (Euractiv)
- Five reasons why your business needs a climate transition action plan. (We Mean Business Coalition)
- Green NGOs warn that member states will undermine pollution prevention rules. (EEB)
- EU competitiveness beyond 2030: looking ahead to the 30th anniversary of the single market. (Commission)

- Economic governance framework: Council agrees its guidelines for reform. (Council, Euractiv, E3G)
- The EU and the negotiation of a binding treaty on business and human rights. (SWP)
- Civil liability in the proposed EU directive on sustainability due diligence: A legal-economic analysis. An article.
- ECB and ESAs push for more climate-related disclosures for structured finance products. (ESMA, EIOPA)
- The EU green bond standard: A plausible answer to the shortcomings of the EU green bond market? An article.
- The financial sector can accelerate the transformation to a net zero built environment - Here's how. (WBCSD)
- Less than half of asset managers vote on biodiversity. (ESG Clarity)
- Parliament approves new carbon sinks target that raises EU climate ambition for 2030. (EP)
- Joint open letter to the European Commission on the urgent need for ambitious and progressive EU soil health legislation. (EEB)
- NGOs, businesses call for binding targets in new EU soil health legislation. (Euractiv)
- New tool maps soil health status across Europe. (JRC)
- Food waste accounts for 'half' of global food system emissions. (CarbonBrief)
- Green(claims)washing: Ban climate-neutral food labels, says consumer group (Euractiv, BEUC)
- Challenges and possible routes to sustainable agriculture within the European Green Deal. An article.
- No obstacles to glyphosate ban - New report shows alternatives exist for all uses. (PAN)
- MEPs agree EU plan to reduce pesticides, leaving final agreement only after 2023. (Euractiv)
- CAP funding still vulnerable to conflicts of interest, say auditors. (ECA, Euractiv)
- NGOs reject commissioner's 'greenwashed' flagship report on pork. (Euractiv)
- Experts say global demand for fresh water will exceed supply by 40% by 2030. (The Guardian)
- Scientists warn of "phosphogeddon" as critical fertiliser shortages loom. (The Guardian)

Activities

- 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?
- 2023-03-23 | Hybrid | Smart buildings in Europe
- 2023-03-27 | Online | The year of skills - Is a digitised Europe learning what it takes to compete globally?
- 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](#)
- 2023-03-29 | Online | [Making the Circular Economy Work](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-03-30 | Online | [Investing with Nature: An Introduction to Nature-based Solutions](#)
- 2023-03-31 | Hybrid | [Joining the dots: climate, nature and the sovereign debt crisis](#)
- 2023-03-31 | Hybrid | [Corporate disclosure of sustainability risks: reconciling international and EU approaches](#)
- 2023-04-04 | [On the way to electromobility – a green(er) but more unequal future?](#)
- 2023-04-12 | [Upgraded homes for downgraded energy bills: home renovation made easy for consumers](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-06-21 | [Inclusive energy services to fight energy poverty and empower citizens](#)
- 2023-07-06 – 2023-07-07 | Hybrid | [Risk Management in Times of Digital and Circular Economy](#)
- 2023-07-19 | [Tackling energy poverty for a just transition](#)

Commission documents

- 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 | [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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