



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 IPCC presented the important [Climate Change 2023: Synthesis Report](#) (AR6). [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Damian Carrington](#), [Amnesty International](#), [CIEL](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Eurogroup for Animals](#), [BEUC](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [WWF](#), [SEI](#), [Euractiv](#), [Simon Lewis](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [IEEP](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Carbon Brief](#).
- Reactions to the 'Net zero industry act' and the 'Critical Raw Materials Act' proposed by the Commission last week: [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EHPA](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [Glass International](#), [Euractiv](#), [IEEP](#), [Euractiv](#).
- EU proposes extension of energy crisis measure to curb gas demand. ([Euractiv](#))
- There was a meeting of the [European Council](#) on 23 March. ([META](#), [Politico](#))
- Nations seek compromise on fossil fuel phase-out before COP28 ([Climate Home News](#))
- Civil society shows Europe the way to climate neutrality by 2040. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Record growth in renewable energy achieved despite energy crisis. A report. ([IRENA](#))
- What is the state of heat pump subsidies in Europe? A report. ([EHPA](#))
- How the energy crisis is boosting heat pumps in Europe. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- From pizza cooks to solar installers: Inside German school training workers in renewable energy. ([Euronews](#))
- Joint letter: Latest call for higher EU 2030 renewable energy target. ([CAN Europe](#))

- Burn now, pay later: Why the new ISO standard will not solve the problem of carbon neutrality. ([ECOS](#))
- EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM): climate and competitiveness implications. A [briefing](#).
- The climate crisis requires a new approach to international investment treaties. ([E3G](#))
- Stakeholders clash over environmental impact and viability of EU packaging legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Ministers demand more flexibility with EU packaging legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Right to repair: Commission introduces new consumer rights for simple and attractive repairs. ([Commission](#), [Right to Repair](#), [Euractiv](#), [BEUC](#))
- Thinking outside the circle: when circularity meets sufficiency. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- 8 ways the circular economy will change the way we do business. ([WEF](#))
- Mapping the impact of the circular economy on the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) industry: Opportunities and challenges for companies, workers and consumers - mobile phones as an example. A study. ([EESC](#))
- Beyond recycling: Dealing with plastics in a circular economy. A report. ([CIEL](#))
- Implementing Industry 4.0 in the manufacturing sector: Circular economy as a societal solution. An [article](#).
- This Ukrainian company hopes to rebuild from scratch - with recycled concrete. ([Euronews](#))
- EU draws up plan to allow e-fuel combustion engine cars - document. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Germany rejects Commission proposal to break deadlock on car engines. ([Politico](#))
- German liberals call for petrol price increase instead of combustion ban. ([Euractiv](#))
- Dieselgate: Three quarters of European diesel cars "probably" fitted with emissions cheating devices, investigation shows. ([ICCT](#), [Politico](#), [The Guardian](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- Companies ask EU negotiators to boost vehicle charging infrastructure. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Dutch to introduce carbon cap at airports from 2025. ([Euractiv](#))
- Sustainable marine fuels - 'Fit for 55' package: FuelEU Maritime's proposal. A [briefing](#).
- Agreement on reducing emissions from maritime transport by promoting sustainable marine fuels. ([Commission](#), [Council](#), [EP](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#), [Offshore Energy](#))
- Wind-powered cargo ships could help fight climate crisis. ([The Guardian](#))
- EU Council makes new attempt at directive on platform workers. ([Euractiv](#))
- Cleaner air for Europe. A [briefing](#).
- Corporate lobbying and the delay of the EU Reach Directive ([Vicky Cann](#)).
- Revision of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive. A [briefing](#).
- Revision of standards for surface water and groundwater pollutants. A [briefing](#).
- There was a meeting of [environment ministers](#) on 16 March.
- Agri stakeholders denounce ministers' agreement on EU emission reduction plans. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU lawmakers support heavy fines and jail sentences for green crimes. ([Euractiv](#), [WWF](#))
- Climate change law in Europe: what do the new EU climate laws mean for the courts? ([LSE](#))
- EU 'Fit-for-55 package' sparks wave of climate litigation ([LSE](#))
- Online sales of unsustainable products will bypass EU environmental rules, NGOs and industry warn. ([EEB](#))
- Don't believe everything you read: Why 'green' labels should be regulated. ([Tahmid Chowdhury](#))
- Want to empower consumers? Blacklist greenwashing and premature obsolescence. ([META](#))
- Consumer protection: enable sustainable choices and end greenwashing. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [ECOS](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [IFOAM](#), [BEUC](#), [EEB](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Just Style](#))

- The potential of sovereign sustainability-linked bonds in pursuit of net zero emissions. ([Bruegel](#))
- Does sustainability require us to see ourselves as part of nature? ([EEA](#))
- Access to nature promotes well-being in solitude. An [article](#).
- On 22 March, it was [World Water Day](#). There was also the UN's [World Water Conference](#). ([Unesco](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [IEA](#), [Commissie](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Keeping Europe's forests healthy requires long-term sustainable practices and action on climate change. ([EEA](#))
- No Green Deal without nature restoration. ([Jutta Paulus](#))
- Alarming rate of mountain forest loss threatens alpine wildlife. ([The Guardian](#))
- Exceptional increase in methane emissions from wetlands worries scientists. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Carbon farming law only 'first step' in pursuit of negative emissions. ([Euractiv](#))
- The voluntary carbon market and sustainable development. ([LSE](#))
- EU agriculture ministers oppose Mercosur deal. ([Euractiv](#))
- Civil society organisations denounce leaked joint instrument on EU-Mercosur deal as greenwashing. ([FoEE](#))
- Billionaires will use up two-thirds of global carbon budget by 2050, scientists warn. An [article](#). ([Euronews](#))

Activities

- 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](#)
- 2023-04-19 | Webinar | [Circular Design for Food - an introduction](#)
- 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

- 2023-04-05 | [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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