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

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- EU countries must stop undermining biomass policy reform. ([Mary S. Booth](#))
- 900,000 football fields of forest at risk from EU choosing free trade over environment. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EU reaches agreement on renewable energy legislation, agrees 42.5% target by 2030. ([Commission](#), [Council](#), [EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Fern](#), [Euractiv](#), [Corinna Klessmann, Malte Gephart and Pia Kerres](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
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- What a Europe on track to meet the 1.5° target would look like by 2030. ([META](#))
- There was a meeting of energy ministers on 28 March. ([Council](#), [ECOS](#), [Greenpeace](#), [CAN Europe](#), [E3G](#))
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- Which comes first, justice or climate action? We cannot succeed in either unless we tackle both. ([Karla Hill, Lía Flattery, Eszter Filippinyi](#))
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- The potential of geothermal energy. An [article](#).
- Gravity batteries: Abandoned mines could store enough energy to power 'the whole earth'. ([Euronews](#))
- Money, know-how and government support: The recipe for meeting Europe's green building targets. ([Politico](#))
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- Ambitious new law agreed to set up sufficient infrastructure for alternative fuels. ([Commission](#), [Council](#), [EP](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#))
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- Pollution from European private jets doubles in one year. A study. ([Greenpeace](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#))
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- Review of the fluorinated greenhouse gases regulation: 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- The European Parliament voted on fluorinated greenhouse gases on 30 March. ([ECOS](#), [Euractiv](#), [EP](#))
- Review of Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 on detergents. A [briefing](#).
- Plastics cause all sorts of health problems, from cancer to birth defects, groundbreaking research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- The link between pollution and miscarriage: 'This is the stuff nightmares are made of'. ([The Guardian](#))
- Consumer Scoreboard: new data shows strong impact of energy crisis on consumption habits. ([Commission](#))
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- Elderly Swiss women bring first climate case to European court. ([Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- European Parliament tackles greenwashing and premature obsolescence to empower consumers ([EEB](#))
- Banning greenwashing: new EU rules to reverse trend in fashion sector. ([DG ENV](#))
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- Corporate due diligence: what is the added value for climate? ([Romain Hubert](#))
- The case for next-generation financial regulation. ([E3G](#))
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- 2023-06-20 – 2023-06-21 | [Second International Conference on New Pathways for a Just and Inclusive Energy Transition: Connecting Multiple Stakeholders and Levels](#)
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- 2023-07-06 – 2023-07-07 | Hybrid | [Risk Management in Times of Digital and Circular Economy](#)
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- 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
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