



## 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's latest summary report AR6 lacks urgency and realism. Its own figures say so. ([Kevin Anderson](#))
- Wind and solar reach a record 12% of global electricity by 2022. The Global Electricity Review 2023. ([Ember](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#))
- TEN-T must recognise strategic role of ports in offshore wind. ([WindEurope](#))
- Improving the design of the EU electricity market. A [briefing](#).
- Will the EU renewables directive change the landscape for forest biomass? ([Gemma Toop and Michèle Koper](#))
- Eat less meat, we need space for biofuels, says German producer. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU carbon market: Experts say gas and petrol prices could rise from 2027. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU climate action through a lens of energy poverty. An [article](#).
- Denmark withdraws from Energy Charter Treaty. ([Euractiv](#))
- Improving homes to cut energy bills: two new studies on making renovation easy. ([BEUC](#))
- Opportunities for Latin America in critical minerals for clean energy transition. ([IEA](#))
- EU seeks swift agreement with US on critical minerals: official. ([Euractiv](#))
- Lawmakers prioritise waste prevention in new EU packaging legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Retailers brace for logistical implications of new EU packaging reuse targets. ([Euractiv](#))
- Joint statement: for an ambitious EU policy on packaging prevention and reduction. ([EEB](#))
- Circular economy definitions: circularity matters. An [article](#).

- Contested discourses of a circular plastics economy in Europe: prioritizing material, economy, or society? An [article](#).
- Slowing down climate services: Climate change as a concern. An [article](#).
- E-fuels: a synthetic solution to the real problem. ([Béla Galgóczi](#))
- Volkswagen asks for delay in application of new "Euro 7" emission standards for cars. ([Euractiv](#))
- MEPs vote for shorter train waiting times on key EU routes. ([Euractiv](#))
- New mobility policy briefs emphasise the need for long-term zero-carbon transition pathways to meet climate targets. ([Civitas](#))
- Toxic PFAS not necessary to make fabric stain repellent, study finds. ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate emergency is the biggest health crisis of our time - bigger than Covid. ([Pascal Soriot](#))
- Rich people's lifestyle leads to water shortages in cities, study says. ([Euronews](#))
- Lowest pollution limits improve public health and save billions in taxpayers' money, according to a new analysis. ([EEB](#))
- EU parliament struggles to agree on due diligence rules ahead of key vote. ([Euractiv](#))
- Don't be afraid of mandatory human rights due diligence in the EU ... it is already there. ([Paul Hastings](#))
- European companies should ride the wave and take the lead on water security. ([Mirjam Wolfrum](#))
- Strong support for EU legislation to make businesses accountable for climate crisis ([ECCJ](#))
- The tricky road to financing a way out of the climate crisis ([META](#))
- Mobilising transition finance requires credible corporate climate plans. ([Bruegel](#))
- Investor associations urge preservation of timeline and integrity of CSRD and ESRS Set 1. ([PRI](#), [Eurosif](#))
- ESAs propose changes to expand and simplify sustainability disclosures. ([ESMA](#), [ESG Today](#))
- Exploring the scope of ecofeminism in the biodiversity-climate nexus. ([Susan Ann Samuel](#))
- Towards deforestation-free raw materials and products in the EU. A [briefing](#).
- Q&A: What does the EU's new deforestation law mean for climate and biodiversity? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Could EU law to save rainforest destroy palm oil farmers? ([Context](#))
- EU to adopt new deforestation law. ([Greenpeace](#))
- Climate change increases inequality for women in agriculture, says FAO. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Campaigners call for EU to tax fishing sector to fund decarbonisation. ([The Guardian](#))
- Green hydrogen rush risks energy 'cannibalisation' in Africa, analysts say. ([Climate Home News](#))

## Activities

- 2023-04-17 | Online | [Accelerating Action on Nature and Biodiversity](#)
- 2023-04-18 | Webinar | [Stepping up on biodiversity: how are investors taking action since COP15?](#)
- 2023-04-19 | Webinar | [Circular Design for Food - an introduction](#)
- 2023-04-19 | Webinar | [Climate risk assessments in the context of the EU Taxonomy](#)
- 2023-04-20 | Online | [EU energy and climate governance and the future of the Green Deal](#)
- 2023-04-20 | [Harnessing high-quality data for climate resilience](#)
- 2023-04-20 | Webinar | [Climate Stress Tests and Capital Requirements](#)
- 2023-04-25 | Webinar | [Burning question: why hydrogen boilers are not the answer](#)
- 2023-04-26 | [Metabuilding: Enhancing the circularity in the Construction Sector](#)
- 2023-04-27 | [Why we need a reform of the EU electricity market and how we can make it more socially just](#)

- 2023-05-02 | [The Swedish Presidency's race to enhance green competitiveness](#)
- 2023-05-03 – 2023-05-04 | [European Conference on Connected and Automated Driving](#)
- 2023-05-09 | [Sustainable Investment Forum Europe 2023](#)
- 2023-05-11 | Online | [Climate litigation: this time it's personal](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-05-30 | [For a sustainable battery value chain in Belgium/Europe](#)
- 2023-05-30 – 2023-06-02 | Hybrid | [World Circular Economy Forum 2023](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-06-27 | [Integrated thinking for a climate-resilient Europe](#)
- 2023-07-06 – 2023-07-07 | Hybrid | [Risk Management in Times of Digital and Circular Economy](#)
- 2023-07-11 – 2023-07-12 | [Max Planck Climate Conference for a Sustainable Anthropocene](#)
- 2023-07-13 – 2023-07-14 | Hybrid | [5th JRC Summer School on Sustainable Finance](#)
- 2023-07-19 | [Tackling energy poverty for a just transition](#)

#### Commission documents

- 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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