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- 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

- Fit for 55: Parliament passes key laws to meet 2030 climate target. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Anna Bajomi](#), [Various authors](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Politico](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [SMEunited](#), [ETUC](#))
- Economic recovery boosted EU emissions in 2021, but long-term trend remains positive, final data. ([EEA](#))
- Extreme heat, widespread drought characterise European climate in 2022. ([Copernicus](#), [The Guardian](#))
- UN: world will shoot through 1.5°C carbon budget in 10 years. ([Climate Home News](#))
- G7 ministers set big new targets for solar and wind capacity. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU calls for global renewable energy target. ([Politico](#))
- Public participation in national energy and climate plans: evidence of weak and uneven compliance across member states. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Strategic autonomy of the EU: Four challenges of the energy crisis. A [briefing](#).
- Dutch company comes up with recyclable solar panel almost two-thirds lighter than average. ([Euronews](#))
- More than 90% of Germany's gas grid could be redundant by 2045, according to a think tank. ([Euractiv](#))
- Germany wants to ban installation of most oil and gas heaters from 2024. ([Euractiv](#))
- Let's end the sale of fossil-fuel boilers through ecodesign. ([ECOS](#))

- Will carbon dioxide removal save us from climate change? And is it as valuable as reducing emissions? ([SEI](#))
- Analysis: Shell admits 1.5°C climate target means immediate end to fossil fuel growth ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The battle for Europe's green building standards. ([Euractiv](#))
- Recommendations from industry, associations and NGOs for an ambitious Construction Products Regulation (CPR). ([EEB](#))
- White Paper: Vision 2040 for a sustainable future requires radical rethinking of EU policies on materials and waste. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- How MEPs can make fashion more responsible by 2023. ([META](#))
- Barriers to efficient knowledge transfer for a holistic circular economy: Insights into green job development and training for young professionals. An [article](#).
- An analysis shows European car manufacturers have doubled their profits since 2019, yet they claim EU plans to clean up toxic emissions are too expensive. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- European infrastructure law will allow public charging stations to provide 97% of the energy needed by trucks by 2030. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Europe moves from leader to laggard in tackling climate impact of shipping. ([Chiara Mingozzi and Faig Abbasov](#))
- EU approach to global shipping puts green credentials at risk. ([Anaïs Rios](#))
- Review of air quality directive. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- More institutional support for ambitious air quality laws. ([META](#))
- Low sperm count, miscarriages and dementia: how car fumes cause lifelong health problems. ([Euronews](#))
- Speed versus sustainability: The race to ban 'forever chemicals' (PFAS) on ski slopes. ([Politico](#))
- Toxic PFAS chemicals in packaging can get into food, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- EU Council tries - again - to enforce rules on platform work. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission calls for huge push to enable digital education and teach digital skills. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- EU parliament rules out 'use' of due diligence rules ahead of commission vote. ([Euractiv](#))
- No new straitjacket for EU tax rules. ([CAN Europe](#))
- EU Taxonomy: Environmental groups take EU to court over 'green' gas label. ([ClientEarth](#), [The Guardian](#), [Sébastien Godinot and Henry Eviston](#), [WWF](#), [Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Sustainable investment is on the rise: does the EU have what it takes to combat greenwashing? ([The Conversation](#))
- Europe needs to harmonise its patchwork of regulations on transition plans. ([Finance Watch](#))
- Climate risk may be on the verge of downgrading credit ratings, as debt issuers' rating agencies dawdle over rethinking their evaluation models. ([IEEFA](#))
- Shift to renewable energy should protect nature, says clean energy coalition ([WWF](#))
- Large-scale peat restoration necessary for climate and biodiversity. ([Jörg-Andreas Krüger and Jutta Paulus](#))
- 'Alarming' expansion of cropland in protected areas threatens biodiversity goals ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Biodiversity: 5 'nature-positive' trends to watch out for. ([WEF](#))
- Investing in our planet: the business case for biodiversity. ([Impact Economist](#))
- More than short-term profits: businesses argue for a strong Nature Restoration Law. ([WWF](#))
- EU nature restoration law in trouble despite gains in climate policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- European Parliament adopts new law to combat global deforestation. ([EP](#), [ClientEarth](#))

- 'Don't fool yourself': billions more needed to protect tropical forests, warns new report. ([The Guardian](#))
- Transforming Europe's food system requires coordinated action across several areas of EU policy. A new report. ([EEA](#))
- Carbon removal: more efforts needed to achieve carbon neutrality, say MEPs. ([EP](#))
- The devil in the detail: How green farm funds fail in implementation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Live animal transport in the EU: challenges and opportunities. A new report from the European Court of Auditors. ([ECA](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Six building blocks for integrating small-scale energy solutions into development planning. ([E3G](#))
- EU-Mercosur: Banned pesticides found on Brazilian limes in EU. ([Greenpeace](#))

Activities

- 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](#)
- 2023-05-09 | Online | [Understanding the Circular Economy: Measuring, modelling, and monitoring circular jobs. Launch of the ILO-Circle Economy-World Bank Initiative](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-06-08 | [Standards: Driving the future of CleanTech in Europe](#)
- 2023-06-08 | Online | [CSRD Event & Compliance Academy](#)
- 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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