



## 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

- Fit for 55: Council adopts key legislation to meet 2030 climate targets ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [DW](#))
- North Sea countries aim for 300 GW of offshore wind power by 2050. ([Euractiv](#))
- New EU-Norway green alliance to deepen cooperation on climate, environment, energy and clean industry. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Netherlands and UK announce major new electricity link to enhance energy security. ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#))
- EU looks at "billions" in flexibility of local electricity grids. ([Euractiv](#))
- Electricity market reform: get the "market" out. ([Jakob Embacher and Stephen Thomas](#))
- A systematic review of options for European electricity market design. An [article](#).
- Besieged wind industry turns to European governments for help. ([Euractiv](#))
- Wind industry calls for caution in EU energy market review. ([Euractiv](#))
- A tool to quantify and visualise the many benefits of energy efficiency. ([EEB](#))
- Renewable energy and 12 billion euros of energy savings stop EU return to fossil fuels ([Euronews](#), [Ember](#))
- Achieving a just transition in the energy system. ([WBCSD](#))
- The reskilling challenge: How to leave no one behind in the energy transition ([Reuters](#))
- Understanding 10 transboundary climate risks: the need for global adaptation. A report. ([SEI](#))
- Analysis: Half the world's population saw record temperatures over the past decade. ([CarbonBrief](#))

- Unprecedented heat extremes "could occur in every region worldwide". ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Reflections on IPCC AR6 synthesis report: adaptation, loss and damage. ([SEI](#))
- Lawmakers vote to extend EU methane emissions rules to gas imports. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#))
- EU directive on gas and hydrogen networks. A [briefing](#).
- Recast EU regulation on gas and hydrogen networks. A [briefing](#).
- Planned LNG terminals could account for 32% of EU CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. ([Greenpeace](#))
- Germany considers withdrawing support for EU Buildings Directive. ([Euractiv](#))
- Ecodesign rules for space and water heaters - a turning point for home heating (Q&A) ([ECOS](#), [EEB](#))
- Air pollution across Europe still not safe, especially for children. A new report. ([EEA](#), [The Guardian](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- Time for a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty. ([META](#))
- 'Cap and Share': a proposal for a fair fossil fuel phase-out. ([META](#))
- Carbon capture and storage: Frequently asked questions. ([CIEL](#))
- Belgian supermarkets make clear why EU should shelve 'carbon neutral' claims. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- [Orgalim](#) on the proposed new regulation on packaging and packaging waste.
- Analysis from an environmental perspective of the proposed EU legal framework for pyrolysis and gasification. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- Critical raw materials law: a good start, but sharper safeguards and a global approach are missing to make it work. ([Julia Poliscanova](#))
- The Critical Raw Materials Act should address supply issues in line with European values. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- How to guarantee green batteries in Europe. A report. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Demand for electric cars is booming, with sales expected to rise 35% this year after a record in 2022. ([IEA](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- The impact of sustainable mobility transition policies on cumulative urban transport emissions and energy demand. An [article](#).
- Fit for 55: Parliament and Council reach agreement on greener aviation fuels. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Commission](#), [Council](#), [Euractiv](#))
- EU pledge to ban most toxic chemicals fails - NGOs. ([EEB](#), [EEB](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Six countries call for ambitious measures to stop microplastics pollution. ([Euractiv](#))
- Bitcoin is terrible for the environment - can it ever go green? ([The Guardian](#))
- The road to a just transition. A comparative analysis of territorial just transition plans. ([FEPS](#))
- Fit for 55 and implications for climate disputes in the EU. ([Emily Bradeen](#))
- Pressure points for climate disputes in EU corporate governance reforms. ([Tiffany Chan](#))
- Here's how law leads non-state actors to decarbonise. ([Laura Clarke](#))
- German conservatives question EU green reporting rules in call for less red tape. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU lawmakers take position on due diligence rules ahead of key plenary vote. ([Euractiv](#), [ECCJ](#), [E3G](#), [WWF](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- Legal framework for impact: Briefing for policymakers. ([PRI](#))
- Q&A: Did the World Bank and IMF spring meetings help scale up climate finance? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Finance at nature's frontier. ([LSE](#))
- Enforcement struggles to take root in deforestation regulation. ([META](#))
- Forests in the Nature Restoration Act. A briefing. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Biodiversity targets falling out of reach, but not all is lost ([WEF](#))
- As legal frameworks for ocean and biodiversity protection increase, what can investors do? ([Unepfi](#))
- How land use determines CO<sub>2</sub> emissions around the world. ([CarbonBrief](#))

- Commission updates agri-food marketing standards to better meet consumer needs and sustainability. ([Commission](#))
- More action needed in EU to reduce effects of chemical pesticides. A report. ([EEA](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Leaked impact assessment shows 'promising' animal welfare legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- MEPs question timetable Commission to adopt new animal welfare rules. ([Euractiv](#))
- Use of antibiotics in agriculture "puts human immune system at risk". ([The Guardian](#))
- MEPs agriculture call for cows to be excluded from emission reduction plans ([Euractiv](#))
- Ministers warn that EU pesticide reduction plan could jeopardise agricultural exports. ([Euractiv](#))
- Sustainable Food Systems Law - EU food policy coalition's recommendations for a meaningful transition. ([Arc2020](#))
- The growing influence of corporations in the governance of food systems, and how to counter it. A report. ([IPES-Food](#))
- Rural policy framework beyond 2020. ([IEEP](#))
- Strengthening multifunctional agriculture through digitisation: Insights from Europe and Japan. ([Arc2020](#))
- "Green colonialism": indigenous world leaders warn against western climate strategy. ([The Guardian](#))
- Deadly drought in Horn of Africa 'wouldn't have happened' without climate change. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- International agreements in progress - After Cotonou: Towards a new agreement with African, Caribbean and Pacific states. A [briefing](#).

## Activities

- 2023-05-02 | [The Swedish Presidency's race to enhance green competitiveness](#)
- 2023-05-03 | Webinar | [Achieving climate neutrality through corporate transition plans: taking a closer look at the CSDDD Directive](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-05-10 | Webinar | [Transition plans in the banking sector: taking a closer look at the amendments to the CRD Directive](#)
- 2023-05-11 | Online | [Climate litigation: this time it's personal](#)
- 2023-05-11 – 2023-05-12 | Hybrid | [Extinction or Regeneration. Transforming food systems for human, animal and planetary health](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-05-23 | [How to become sustainable? New perspectives for the transition of corporate and financial actors](#)
- 2023-05-25 | Webinar | [Towards a circular built environment: What role for the EU?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-06-14 | Hybrid | [The do's and don'ts of green claims](#)

- 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](#)
- 2023-06-29 | Hybrid | [Global Trends in Climate Litigation](#)
- 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

- 2023-05-17 | [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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