The European Green Deal
We want to reconcile our economy with our planet, and make it work for our people.

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

- Industry launches 'Energy Storage Coalition' to decarbonise power grid (Euractiv, Energy Storage Coalition)
- Study: Stronger policy needed for green alternatives to replace Russian gas by 2028. (Euractiv, Oxford University)
- Renewable energy best practice: Solutions for nature-positive, community-led renewable energy in Europe. (EEB)
- Policy choices to make the North Sea the 'world's largest power plant'. (Jas Basi)
- Germany proposes an EU-wide power tariff for industry. (Euractiv)
- EU Vestager calls for caution when presenting German electricity subsidy plan. (Euractiv)
- Europe's energy crisis: Understanding the causes of the fall in electricity demand. (IEA)
- Reforming the design of the EU electricity market. A briefing.
- Mediterranean heatwave in April 'almost impossible' without climate crisis (The Guardian, CarbonBrief)
- A just transition to climate neutrality for the EU. A study. (OSE)
- COP28: Stepping up support today to avoid the worst tomorrow. (E3G)
- Fit for 55 package: Reducing methane emissions in the power sector. A briefing.
- On Tuesday 9 May, the European Parliament voted on the methane regulation. (CAN Europe, EP, Euractiv)
- Nations divided over fossil fuels and carbon capture. (Climate Home News)
- Why cement and concrete don't remove carbon. (Carbon Market Watch)

- The people behind the buildings: Why we need to get it right in the EPBD. (Anna Bajomi, Brook Riley and Caroline Simpson)
- Naturally cool: Europe on the road to a climate revolution with refrigerants. (Davide Sabbaddin)
- EU law on critical raw materials. A briefing.
- France presents 'first step' €2bn fund for critical metals. (Euractiv)
- Critical metals for the low-carbon transition: macro-financial issues. (LSE)
- EU countries block agreement on eco-design legislation in dispute over unsold textiles (Euractiv)
- EU parliament votes to help consumers make greener choices (BEUC, Carbon Market Watch, EEB, EP)
- Parliament divided on tackling EU packaging waste problem. (Euractiv)
- Reuse a 'great opportunity' to tackle packaging waste, say supporters. (Euractiv)
- Microbes discovered that can digest plastic at low temperatures. (The Guardian)
- From circular strategies to actions: 65 European circular construction cases and their decarbonisation potential. An article.
- Can a circular economy create good jobs? New study reveals North's bias. (Circle Economy)
- New product liability directive. A briefing.
- Digitalisation can support Europe's move to more sustainable transport. A new report. (EEA)
- Which European countries have the highest share of electric cars? (Euronews)
- What do we know about used electric cars? (Transport & Environment)
- CO_2 emission standards for new cars and vans: 'Fit for 55' package. A briefing.
- Life-and-death battle over car pollution rules. (Politico)
- New EU legislation marks a turning point in aviation climate regulation, recognising both the need to address the non-CO_2 impacts of flying and the safety challenges to air transport due to climate change. (Denis Bilyarski)
- EU agency aims to boost rail travel by simplifying rail rules (Euractiv)
- Setting sail for climate action - but will it work? (MO*)
- 3 ways countries can invest in next-generation mobility. (WEF)
- 'Overheating': Parisians have highest risk of heat-related death in Europe. (Euronews, The Lancet)
- Revision of the ozone regulation. A briefing.
- ETS exemptions betray the power of the steel sector and the lack of courage of politicians. (Carbon Market Watch)
- How do you save people, planet and public money? Here is a simple solution. (META)
- Belgian recovery plan blocked by stalemate on pension reform. (Euractiv)
- Working thoughts on the European Green Deal. (EEB)
- Social sustainability of digital transformation: Empirical evidence from EU-27 countries. An article.
- Beyond growth: Pathways to sustainable prosperity in the EU. Study, Briefing.
- Central banks raising interest rates make it harder to fight climate crisis. (Thomas Ferguson and Servaas Storm)
- A systematic literature review of sustainability issues in the value chain at insurance companies and pension funds. An article.
- Comments on the Commission's new proposal for the EU taxonomy. (IEEP, WWF, EEB, ECOS, E3G, EEB)
- Lawmakers criticise green taxonomy investment rules for aviation, maritime. (Euractiv)
- The state of nature in Europe: Damaged ecosystems need restoration. A new report. (EEA)
- Incentives and barriers to private funding for forest and landscape restoration. An article.
- Spreading seeds of climate-resilient trees could benefit European forests. (CarbonBrief)

- WWF strongly condemns EPP's rejection of Nature Restoration Act. (WWF, Arc2020)
- MEPs want to declare 2024 the European Year of Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems. (Euractiv)
- Shift to sustainable production best chance to ensure European food security - new briefing. (WWF)
- Unprecedented €2.2bn drought mitigation plan approved in Spain. (The Guardian)
- EU spends green money on Indian Ocean tuna fishery (Politico)
- Transparency and sustainability still lacking in EU-Mercosur agreement, experts say. (Euractiv)
- Renewable energy projects must respect indigenous peoples and local communities. Here's how. (WEF)
- Maximising revenues from natural resources can bring major fiscal and environmental benefits to African countries. (World Bank)
- Conflict and climate disasters combine to create record numbers of displaced people. (The Guardian)
- Germany should create 'climate passport' for refugees - expert council. (Clean Energy Wire)

Activities

- 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
- 2023-05-16 | Webinar | A Sustainable and Just Energy Transition: The Role of the European Parliament
- 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
- 2023-06-06 | Online | Fit for Summer. How can nature-based solutions make communities more resilient?
- 2023-06-06 | Online | Promoting Repair through Networks and Repair Bonuses – Re-Use Berlin
- 2023-06-06 | Hybrid | Workshop on Developing the European offshore electricity system
- 2023-06-06 | Webinar | Circular Economy and its impact on risk management
- 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
- 2023-07-19 – 2023-07-20 | Oxford Sustainable Finance Summit

- 2023-09-04 – 2023-09-08 | [The evolution of spatial planning law for environmental protection and climate transition](#)
- 2023-09-28 | [IEA Critical Minerals and Clean Energy Summit](#)

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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