



## 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

- 'Generally frustrating': Climate experts' assessment of what has and hasn't changed since COP27 ([Euronews](#))
- COP28 host UAE's approach is 'dangerous', says ex-UN climate chief. ([The Guardian](#))
- COP28 is a moment of truth for the oil and gas industry's climate efforts. ([IEA](#))
- Scientists warn that the world will exceed the 1.5°C climate threshold by 2027. ([WMO](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Global warming has probably made El Niños and La Niñas more frequent and more extreme, a new study shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Hotter, drier and sunnier: What's happening to Europe's climate ([Euronews](#))
- Tackling the climate crisis: Implementation time in Europe. ([Johannes Pollak](#), [Michael Kaeding](#) and [Paul Schmidt](#))
- Fact check: Is Europe the only part of the world that has reduced greenhouse gas emissions? ([Euronews](#))
- Review of the market stability reserve for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Fit for 55 package. A [briefing](#).
- EU Commission delays flagship Green Deal package. ([Politico](#))
- Cheap financing for the energy transition. A new study. ([IRENA](#))
- Emirates, global renewable energy agency want to triple green energy by 2030. ([Euractiv](#))
- New international business network says cross-border cooperation and stable regulation are key to accelerating renewable electricity storage. ([CLG](#))

- Land: A crucial resource for the energy transition. ([McKinsey](#))
- EU countries denounce 'crazy' France for 'holding hostage' renewables legislation. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Eastern EU countries make or break the bloc's 2030 renewable energy target. ([Pawel Czyzak and Rebekka Popp](#))
- Including efficiency in EU national energy and climate plans. ([Monica Frassoni](#))
- Electricity market reform: what's not in the proposal. ([Christopher Jones and Klaus-Dieter Borchardt](#))
- Key lawmaker wants revenue cap on EU electricity market reform ([Euractiv](#))
- Europe's climate revolution with natural refrigerants. ([META](#))
- German landlords want to reject ban on gas boilers. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Critical raw materials act. A [briefing](#).
- Turning off the tap: how the world can end plastic pollution and create a circular economy. A new report. ([UNEP](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#))
- NGOs say developing countries' voices will be excluded from UN plastic negotiations ([The Guardian](#))
- Europe needs to step up efforts on the circular economy, including waste prevention. ([EEA](#))
- Chemical recycling technologies needed to achieve circular economy goals, new study says. ([Cefic](#))
- National energy and climate plans: how to ensure emission-free transport ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The problem of corporate cars and what Europe can do about it. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Fleets](#))
- Zero-emission zones could make a big dent in harmful air pollution. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Fossil gas: the greenwashing pill that shipping wants you to swallow. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Regulators crack down on corporate carbon neutrality claims. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Products shipped for reuse and fees for extended producer responsibility: a case for extending EPR fees in the EU to end-of-life activities of products shipped outside the EU. ([EEB](#), [EEB](#))
- Joint industry statement on the Product Liability Directive. ([Orgalim](#))
- Social cost of 'forever chemicals' (PFAS) about \$17.5 trillion to global economy - report. ([The Guardian](#))
- Environmental impact on reproductive health. ([Euractiv](#))
- Stress tests to promote EU policy resilience. A [study](#).
- Green transition. What think tanks think. A [briefing](#).
- Beyond GDP: Towards a wellbeing economy. ([Aileen McLeod and Sandrine Dixson-Declève](#))
- The transition to a post-growth economy is not just a matter of survival, but above all a matter of progress. ([Various authors](#))
- EU Commission chief: Fossil fuel-based growth model 'simply outdated'. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- ESG ratings need to break down ESG parameters to restore sustainable investors' confidence. ([Finance Watch](#))
- A framework to guide central banks and financial regulators in selecting and designing climate scenarios. ([LSE](#))
- The times are they a-changin'? Tracking sovereign wealth funds' sustainable investing. An [article](#).
- New EU green bond standard may be little used as challenges outweigh benefits. ([S&P Global](#))

- Why new European reporting standards could be a breakthrough for nature. ([Reuters](#))
- Guideline 2023 - How to protect biodiversity through environmental management systems. ([Commission](#))
- Council adopts new rules to stop deforestation worldwide. ([Council](#), [WWF](#))
- EU flagship law for nature restoration must not be derailed, warns environment chief. ([The Guardian](#))
- Forests in the Nature Restoration Act. A briefing. ([EEB](#))
- EEB on the Soil Protection Act. ([EEB](#))
- More than half the world's lakes have shrunk in the past 30 years, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Europe must protect its natural heritage in the North. ([Greta Thunberg and various authors](#))
- A global conservation base income to protect biodiversity. ([Nature](#))
- Certification of carbon removal. A [briefing](#).
- NGO input on the proposed regulation on certification of carbon removal. ([EEB](#))
- Intensive farming is biggest cause of bird deaths in Europe, study says. ([The Guardian](#))
- EU lawmaker: If Green Deal crumbles, centre-right will be to blame. ([Euractiv](#))
- Paris Agreement vs EU farm policy. ([META](#))
- Proposed EU food systems law meets first stumbling block. ([Euractiv](#))
- Slow Food's recipe for good, clean and fair food systems. ([Slow Food](#))
- No to pesticide cuts? No proposal for gene-editing, official warns Commission. ([Euractiv](#), [Arc2020](#))
- SDGs: Voluntary Review EU does not support rhetoric of transformative and participatory change. ([EEB](#))

## Activities

- 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?](#)
- 2023-05-23 | Webinar | [Reconciling the Green Deal with Europe's Competitiveness – What Industrial Policy is needed?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-06-06 | Hybrid | [Building the leadership for Nature-based Solutions for Coastal and Marine Ecosystems](#)
- 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

- 2023-05-24 | [European Semester spring package](#)
- 2023-06-13 | [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](#)
- 2023-06-28 | [Joint Communication on climate change, environmental degradation, and security and defence](#)
- 2023-07-05 | [Food and biodiversity package](#) / - 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 Strategic foresight report](#)
- 2023-07-11 | [Greening transport package](#)



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