

General

- The European Commission presented the <u>European Green Deal</u> proposal (<u>communication + roadmap</u>) 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 <u>a resolution</u> 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

- Global warming will push billions outside 'human climate niche' (The Guardian, Nature)
- COP28 leader under fire from EU and US lawmakers over oil bonds. (<u>Politico</u>, <u>Euronews</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>)
- "Making the European Green Deal a reality" brings certainty and benefits to businesses and households - report. (<u>Strategic Perspectives</u>)
- UN advises against offsets for carbon removal technologies. (Climate Change News)
- Assessment of climate action under the Fit for 55 package. (<u>CAN Europe</u>)
- Law enforcement not yet ready for its biggest challenge climate change. (Euronews)
- Revision of the Renewable Energy Directive: Fit for 55 package. A <u>briefing</u>.
- Production plans for key clean energy technologies expand rapidly as investment increases.
 (IEA)
- Clean energy investments are expanding their lead over fossil fuels, boosted by energy security strengths. (IEA, The Guardian)
- Five charts on the energy transition: the 2020s are the decade of maximum disruption. By 2030, the end game will be clear. (EnergyPost)
- Is the EU's energy transition getting into gear? (ECA)
- Energy Tax Directive: Europe's crucial climate law is stuck in a quagmire. (Euractiv)
- German universities attract foreign students with energy transition courses. (<u>Clean Energy</u> Wire)
- France's odd game with renewables. (Euractiv)

- Why do people do or don't do energy renovation of their homes? Insights from qualitative interviews with Danish homeowners. An article.
- Research shows share prices of big polluters fall after climate lawsuits. (The Guardian, LSE)
- Recycled plastic may be more toxic and is not a solution to pollution, warns Greenpeace.
 (<u>The Guardian</u>)
- Research shows that recycling can release huge amounts of microplastics. (The Guardian)
- Plastic waste puts millions of the world's poorest at greater risk of flooding. (<u>The Guardian</u>)
- Waste shipment: Council ready to start discussions with Parliament. (Council)
- Critical raw materials: EU ministers want to act quickly, but dilemmas abound. (Euractiv)
- Lawmakers consider scrapping EU targets for domestic production of raw materials (Euractiv)
- EEB on the Ecodesign Regulation for Sustainable Products (ESPR) (EEB)
- No destruction of unsold goods: EU countries agree on rules for green products. (Euractiv)
- Transition to a sustainable circular society: more than just resource efficiency. An <u>article</u>.
- Measuring the impact of economic crises on the transition to a circular economy. An <u>article</u>.
- EU should set 100% emission-free target for corporate fleets by 2030 (<u>Transport & Environment</u>)
- Euro 7 emissions rules will drive up car prices, industry says. (Euractiv)
- Building infrastructure for alternative fuels: Fit for 55 package. A briefing.
- Sustainable maritime fuels Fit for 55 package: FuelEU Maritime's proposal. A briefing.
- By 2035, hydrogen aircraft could be cheaper than traditional aircraft. (<u>Transport & Environment</u>)
- 'At odds with climate science': European countries where people get the most private jet flights. (Euronews)
- It's official: France bans domestic short-haul flights in favour of trains. (Euronews)
- Montreal Protocol has delayed loss of Arctic sea ice, scientists say. (<u>CarbonBrief</u>)
- Pollution: MEPs support tougher rules to reduce industrial emissions. (EP, CAN Europe, Greenpeace, Carbon Market Watch, Euractiv)
- Net-zero industry law. A briefing.
- Orgalim recommendations for the Net-Zero Industry Act. (Orgalim)
- How to make the most of the Green Deal Industrial Plan. (<u>E3G</u>)
- After the energy storm, Europe needs a strong industrial strategy. (Georg Zachmann, Giovanni Sgaravatti and Simone Tagliapietra)
- The EU wants to build tomorrow's technologies. Will countries pay for it? (Politico)
- Green industry law haunted by old conflicts. (<u>Euractiv</u>)
- A zealous initiative, but the Net-Zero Industry Act will not address concerns about cleantech money. (CEPS)
- Unlawful state aid remains "untouchable" for civil society. (ClientEarth)
- Industry will be the engine of European decarbonisation, French minister says. (Euractiv)
- A case for engaging with the post-growth economy. (Euractiv)
- European Semester policy guidance: supporting reforms and investment to secure the EU's long-term prosperity, competitiveness, fairness and resilience. (<u>Commission</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>)
- Just transition as an evolving concept in international climate law. An article.
- Unpacking public and private efforts for a just transition. (OECD)
- An equitable transition guaranteed by international law is within reach here's how. (<u>Equal</u> <u>Times</u>)
- Net zero transition planning as a change management process. (<u>LSE</u>)
- EU agrees single access point for information on finance and sustainability. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Council</u>)
- OECD guidelines on transition finance. (OECD)

- Capital markets union: Commission proposes new rules to protect and empower retail investors in the EU. (Commission, WWF, Euractiv)
- Doing more with more How the EU can improve financing for the European Green Deal.
 (Sebastian Mack and Francesco Findeisen)
- The compelling reason why the financial sector must invest in boosting global biodiversity.
 (WEF)
- New rules for economic governance. A <u>briefing</u>.
- Sustainability disclosures in European SMEs. An article.
- The economy through blue glasses: financing a healthy ocean and a sustainable blue economy. (Karla Martínez Toral and Rhea Kochar)
- Q&A: How can countries prevent subsidies from harming biodiversity? (CarbonBrief)
- EU will not rewrite disputed nature law, says green bloc chief (<u>Reuters</u>)
- A number of European Parliament committees voted on the Nature Restoration Act. (Arc2020, EEB, ClientEarth, Arc2020, WWF, Euractiv, ClientEarth, Reuters, The Guardian)
- EU Timmermans holds 'unprecedented' private talks with MEPs to win support. (Euractiv)
- Embracing biodiversity: Paving the way for nature-inclusive cities. (IUCN)
- New framework will allow companies to assess their impact on nature. (The Guardian)
- Reversing the decline of pollinators with monitoring and binding targets. (IEEP)
- European grassland butterfly population down by more than a third in 10 years. (The Guardian)
- NGO analysis debunks food security argument against Green Deal as sham. (<u>CEO</u>)
- Food prices biggest concern for Europeans new survey. (<u>WWF</u>)
- EU proposals for gene editing and pesticide reduction are 'package deal', Commission warns. (Euractiv)
- Research: Fossil fuel companies owe \$209 billion a year for climate damage (<u>Climate Home News</u>)
- 'Carbon colonialism': Europe's global footprint (<u>Laurie Parsons</u>)
- Sustainability in EU FTAs: Briefings on monitoring. (IEEP)
- Namibia pushes ahead with green hydrogen project with German investors. (Euractiv)
- How does policy coherence shape effectiveness and inequality? Implications for sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda. An article. (SEI)
- Eurostat report shows EU progress on Sustainable Development Goals. (Commission)

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Activities

- 2023-05-30 | For a sustainable battery value chain in Belgium/Europe
- 2023-05-30 2023-06-02 | Hybrid | World Circular Economy Forum 2023
- 2023-06-03 2023-06-11 | EU Green Week 2023
- 2023-06-05 | Online | <u>EUSEW Sustainable Energy Days: Citizen Engagement Accelerate the</u> Clean Energy Transition
- 2023-06-05 | Webinar | "How to support the skills development of the circular construction sector?" The case of the LIFE WASTE2BUILD project
- 2023-06-06 | Online | <u>Fit for Summer. How can nature-based solutions make communities</u> more resilient?
- 2023-06-06 | Online | <u>Promoting Repair through Networks and Repair Bonuses Re-Use</u>
 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 | <u>Building the leadership for Nature-based Solutions for Coastal and Marine Ecosystems</u>
- 2023-06-07 | Webinar | The clean energy transition for buildings: Professional associations enhancing renovation skills
- 2023-06-07 | Nature restoration law and food security: Mitigation of impacts and benefits for stakeholders
- 2023-06-08 | Standards: Driving the future of CleanTech in Europe
- 2023-06-08 | Online | CSRD Event & Compliance Academy
- 2026-06-08 | Online | Education for a sustainable future Empowering individuals to tackle climate change
- 2023-06-14 | Hybrid | The do's and don'ts of green claims
- 2023-06-15 | Online | From Guide to Action: Strengthening the Role of Ministries of Finance in Driving Climate Action
- 2023-06-19 | Towards more resilient, inclusive and sustainable supply chains
- 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
- 2023-06-27 | Hybrid | What are the challenges and opportunities for a European 'hydrogen corridor'?
- 2023-06-28 | Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation How can we make it work?
- 2023-06-29 | Hybrid | Global Trends in Climate Litigation
- 2023-07-06 2023-07-07 | Hybrid | <u>Risk Management in Times of Digital and Circular Economy</u>
- 2023-07-11 2023-07-12 | Max Planck Climate Conference for a Sustainable Anthropocene
- 2023-07-13 2023-07-14 | Hybrid | <u>5th JRC Summer School on Sustainab</u>le 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

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Commission documents

- 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 | <u>Joint Communication on climate change, environmental degradation, and security and defence</u>
- 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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