



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

- Climate talks take place in Bonn. ([Euractiv](#), [ENB](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euronews](#))
- Countries have not yet reached agreement to put fossil fuel phase-out on COP28 agenda. ([The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Global greenhouse gas emissions at record high, according to research. ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate scientists conclude that it is now too late to save Arctic summer ice. ([The Guardian](#))
- Warming oceans broke new record in May, EU scientists report. ([Euractiv](#))
- Energy sufficiency, a French political concept still misunderstood in Europe. ([Euractiv](#))
- Redefining business models for the energy transition: Social innovation and sustainable value creation in the European energy system. An [article](#).
- Accelerating the energy transition in European cities. ([Mark Watts](#))
- Wind and solar power overtake fossil fuels in EU with energy transition in hyperdrive. ([Euronews](#))
- Digitalisation of electricity systems is crucial for clean energy transition and security in developing markets, but investment lags. ([IEA](#))
- Doubling global progress on energy efficiency by 2030 is an important step in efforts to achieve net zero emissions. ([IEA](#))
- Net zero needs a new narrative for energy efficiency. ([Dan Jørgensen and Kim Fausing](#))
- The world can move to zero-carbon energy systems. Here's how. ([WEF](#))
- Carbon capture and storage is 'not a free lunch', warns climate leader ([The Guardian](#))

- Who buys greenhouse gas removal credits and does it matter? ([LSE](#))
- 500,000 missing workers: heat pump industry tries to attract more women. ([Euractiv](#))
- Organisations draw up heat pump acceleration plan to give to EU Commission. ([EHPA](#))
- Key EU lawmaker: Europe "must remain at the forefront" of heat pump production. ([Euractiv](#))
- Four key hurdles for would-be owners of heat pumps in Europe. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU green renovation wave faces backlash. ([Politico](#))
- Q&A - Germany debates phasing out fossil fuel heating systems ([CEW](#))
- Building products law threatens to make 'carbon-neutral EU' a utopia. ([META](#))
- New EU regulatory framework for batteries: setting sustainability requirements. A [briefing](#).
- Many EU member states risk failing to meet waste recycling targets. ([EEA](#))
- Commission recommends measures to boost recycling in 18 member states at risk of failing to meet waste targets. ([Commission](#))
- Packaging and packaging waste regulation. An NGO response. ([EEB](#))
- UN plastic treaty talks end with mandate for first draft. ([Euractiv](#), [Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Refrigerators and dishwashers wrapped in reusable plastic? Bad idea, says industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- 'I see brand new TVs, here to be shredded!': the truth about our electronic waste. ([The Guardian](#))
- 'It looks like a dead pit': how Ghana became the dumping ground of fast fashion. ([The Guardian](#))
- Lost in transit: EU waste management fees don't track second-hand exports to Africa. ([META](#))
- Council and Parliament reach agreement on rollout of intelligent transport systems. ([Council](#), [Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Global airlines target 'anti-aviation' Europe over green policies. ([Euractiv](#))
- Tyre wear - an underestimated source of air pollution that needs to be addressed. ([ECOS](#))
- EU air quality law not in line with WHO air pollution limits. ([Alex Keynes](#))
- Berlin launches €50bn 'climate contracts' for industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU response to US inflation law (IRA). A [report](#).
- 100 cleantech projects are presented in the EU parliament. ([Euractiv](#))
- Parliament could scrap 'strategic' clean technology label in Net-Zero Industry Act. ([Euractiv](#))
- What toll is the AI industry taking on the environment? ([The Guardian](#))
- A climate perspective on the European Commission's proposals to reform the EU's economic governance framework. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Global Witness on the due diligence proposal. ([Global Witness](#))
- OECD updates guidelines on corporate due diligence. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission threatens to backtrack on corporate sustainability reporting. ([WWF](#))
- Inclusive green finance: A new agenda for central banks and financial regulators. ([LSE](#))
- Green Deal: EU's Timmermans rules out 'pause' in green transition. ([Euractiv](#))
- Nature restoration and wind energy go hand in hand. Solar energy, nature's best friend. ([WindEurope](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- Scientists support EU's Green Deal. ([Oppla](#))
- We cannot continue 'business as usual' for nature. ([Bart Vandewaetere](#), [Facundo Etchebehere](#), [Fleming Voetmann](#) and [Tim Christophersen](#))
- Solutions are being sought to save the Nature Restoration Act. ([Reuters](#), [Arc2020](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [Fern](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Climate crisis: rich countries undermine work to help poor countries, research suggests. ([The Guardian](#), [Oxfam](#))

- Rich world leaders fail to commit to global finance summit in Paris. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Innovative financial instruments and their potential to finance climate adaptation in developing countries. ([IISD](#))
- Governments must deliver on biodiversity promises. ([Ellen Johnson Sirleaf](#))
- Right to exist: The campaign to give nature legal status. ([Politico](#))
- Leading MEP wants to question pesticide companies over withheld toxicity studies. ([Euractiv](#))
- Palm oil and the EU law against deforestation: why the backlash? ([Giorgio Budi Indrarto](#))
- Last call for a sustainable food system. ([META](#))
- WTO boss dives into global quagmire carbon pricing. ([Politico](#))
- EU wants to prioritise Mercosur deal, closer ties with Latin America ([Euractiv](#))
- Rethink, reform, rebuild: 7 steps to save the Amazon. ([The Guardian](#))
- Access to basic energy lags behind renewable opportunities shows new report. ([IRENA](#))
- How green Europeans can cure the Earth's climate blues. ([Mats Engström](#))
- Rich countries with high greenhouse gas emissions could pay \$170 trillion in climate reparations. ([The Guardian](#), [Nature](#))
- UN report identifies actions to achieve sustainable development pathways. ([IISD](#))

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Commission documents

- 2023-06-13 | [Council Recommendation on developing social economy framework conditions](#) | [Regulation on environmental, social and governance rating](#) | [Communication on a sustainable finance framework](#) | [Recommendation on transition finance](#)
- 2023-06-28 | [Joint Communication on climate change, environmental degradation, and security and defence](#)
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