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- 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

- Talks on climate policy continued in Bonn. ([ENB](#), [REScoop](#), [Greta Thunberg](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [CEO](#), [FoEI](#), [CIEL](#), [E3G](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- World breaks average temperature record for early June: EU. ([Euractiv](#), [Copernicus](#), [The Guardian](#))
- What 'credible' climate promises mean for future global warming. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Scientific advisers urge EU to cut emissions by 90-95% by 2040. ([Euractiv](#), [Advies](#), [E3G](#))
- EU climate calculator needs a shake-up ([Niels Fuglsang](#))
- Survey: EU mayors give climate action top priority. ([Politico](#), [Eurocities](#))
- The Global Stocktake: Charting a course towards climate and nature restoration. ([Mahmoud Mohieldin and Razan Al Mubarak](#))
- What could summer bring? Is extreme weather the new normal? ([EEA](#))
- MEPs want a European day for the victims of the global climate crisis ([EP](#))
- At IEA conference, 45 governments endorse goal to double global energy efficiency progress by 2030 ([IEA](#))
- EU seeks new agreement on renewable energy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Sweden wants to break deadlock on EU renewable energy law. ([Euractiv](#))
- Scaled-up investment and support frameworks will unlock offshore renewable energy potential. ([IRENA](#))

- New report: Solar power for the masses as the number of solar rooftops worldwide increases by 50%. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- Which European countries added the most solar power in 2022? ([Euronews](#))
- REPowerEU: A window closing on energy democratisation. ([CAN Europe](#))
- "Just transition" should include decentralised energy generation and consumption that benefits communities. ([Diana Süsser, Serafeim Michas and Ricardo Antonio García Mira](#))
- Social climate fund: 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- EU fossil fuel emissions lower thanks to gas crisis: Eurostat. ([Euractiv](#))
- Global oil demand growth will slow significantly by 2028. ([IEA](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Almost half of recent climate pledges plan to keep extracting fossil fuels. ([Natalie Jones](#))
- EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM): climate and competitiveness implications. A [briefing](#).
- The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) will be applied in its transitional phase from 1 October: Commission consults on reporting requirements. ([Commission](#))
- Boiler wars: German bickering over fossil heating ban comes to Brussels. ([Euractiv](#))
- German government settles dispute over heating law. ([Politico](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Germany wants to connect 100,000 buildings to district heating every year. ([Euractiv](#))
- An overview of natural bio-based insulation materials. An [article](#).
- Critical raw materials: China 15 years ahead, says expert. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU pushes forward negotiations with US on critical minerals agreement. ([Commission](#))
- EU in talks with Chile on 'strategic partnership' on raw materials ([Euractiv](#))
- Making batteries more sustainable, long-lasting and better performing. ([EP](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Companies, NGOs and think tanks warn of potential shortcomings of EU rules CO₂ footprint for batteries. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- More circular economy needed to make European consumption sustainable. ([EEA](#))
- Ecodesign: new EU rules make sustainable products the norm. ([EP](#), [EEB](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The circular economy: a geometry lesson ([Maira Babri, Hervé Corvellec and Herman Stål](#))
- Material culture and the circular economy. An [article](#).
- How can the circular economy improve biodiversity? ([EEA](#))
- Robust Euro 7 emission standards improve air quality in European cities. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Poland will take fossil fuel car ban to highest EU court by 2035, says minister. ([Euractiv](#))
- Expect second battle over internal combustion engine, says EU lawmaker ([Euractiv](#))
- A fight for every job: Decarbonising Europe's cars. ([Bela Galgóczi](#))
- Mobility data for a just transition. ([HBS](#))
- Air traffic increases again and environmentalists are not happy. ([Euronews](#))
- New research: Solo travellers can save up to 20% on night train costs in Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- European luxury cruise ships emit as much toxic sulphur as 1 billion cars - study. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EU countries adopt common position on platform workers directive. ([Euractiv](#), [Council](#))
- Member States urged to give more support to social economy sector. ([Euractiv](#), [Commission](#))
- Climate neutrality: as strong as its weakest definition. ([Elisa Martellucci](#))
- Historic 'child' climate trial begins: how science will take the witness stand ([Nature](#))
- Healthy living on a healthy planet. A new report. ([WBGU](#))
- Air pollution measures don't keep up with research. ([The Guardian](#))
- Aarhus Convention 25 years on: Temperature control of access to justice. ([META](#))
- Recovery and resilience plans in the European Semester 2023: Progress and country-specific recommendations. A [briefing](#).

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- Eurosif calls for ambitious EU sustainability reporting standards (ESRS). ([Eurosif](#))
- Commission publishes standards for sustainability reporting. ([E3G](#))
- Controversial last-minute changes by Commission undermine draft standards for corporate sustainability reporting. ([WWF](#))
- Strengthening the role of finance ministries in promoting climate action: a framework and guide for ministers and finance ministries. ([LSE](#))
- World Bank must boost private investment in climate transition, says new chief. ([Reuters](#))
- The Commission published some new proposals for sustainable financing. ([E3G](#), [Euractiv](#), [Commission](#), [WWF](#))
- Improve ESG ratings. ([Transport & Environment](#))
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- Green transition: Member States must 'free themselves' from financial markets, says expert. ([Euractiv](#))
- 6 shifts the financial system can make to build a sustainable future. ([WRI](#))
- Seven ways to reform the global financial system for climate and sustainable development goals. ([SEI](#))
- Huge subsidies for fossil fuels and agriculture cause 'environmental disaster'. ([The Guardian](#), [World Bank](#))
- EU must build carbon removal framework on sound climate principles, not political quicksand ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Carbon sinks: NGOs denounce Commission's 'unbalanced' expert body. ([Euractiv](#))
- There is a key meeting of environment ministers on 20 June. ([Council](#), [EEB](#))
- No, 10% of land will NOT be abandoned under NRL. ([Arc2020](#))
- More than 90 companies advocate new law to restore nature. ([WWF](#))
- Business leaders: why the EU must adopt the Nature Restoration Act. ([WEF](#))
- Farmers want nature restoration. ([IFOAM](#))
- Putting Green Deal on pause? Not in the name of consumers! ([Monique Goyens](#))
- Europe needs both nature restoration and renewable energy. ([Kristian Ruby and Noor Yafai](#))
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- Commission refutes Indonesia's claims about EU law against deforestation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Heavy reliance on private funding alone will not meet conservation goals. ([Nature](#))
- EU civil society to von der Leyen: No further derogations from CAP environmental commitments. ([Slow Food](#))
- Commission: EU must not abandon animal welfare, even if it is unaffordable. ([Euractiv](#))
- Why Europe's water crisis requires a fundamental change in food production. ([META](#))
- Commission dismisses food security fears in new pesticide research. ([Euractiv](#))
- Comparative analysis of CAP strategic plans and their effective contribution to EU objectives. [A study](#).
- Paris warming up to EU Mercosur deal, but slowly. ([Politico](#))
- Von der Leyen promises to conclude EU-Mercosur deal before the end of the year. ([Politico](#))
- Brazil fears environmental sanctions as a result of EU-Mercosur trade deal. ([Euractiv](#))
- For the Amazon rainforest to breathe, we must say no to the EU-Mercosur deal. ([Saskia Bricmont, Thomas Waitz and Yannick Jadot](#))
- French MPs call for reopening EU-Mercosur trade deal negotiations. ([Euractiv](#))

- Aligning European export credit agencies with EU policy objectives. A [study](#).
- Monitoring offshore environmental impacts of trade. ([SEI](#))
- A beneficial transition for Europe. ([Olamide Samuel](#))

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- 2023-06-20 | [Remote work: fundamental questions and the way forward](#)
- 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](#)
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- 2023-06-27 | Hybrid | [What are the challenges and opportunities for a European 'hydrogen corridor'?](#)
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- 2023-09-28 | [IEA Critical Minerals and Clean Energy Summit](#)
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- 2023-10-10 | Online | [Circular Diversity: Creative solutions to promote the re-use of second-hand goods – Re-use Berlin](#)

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Commission documents

- 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](#) | [Response to European citizens' initiative: 'Stop Finning – Stop the Trade!'](#)

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