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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

- Report: EU must pick up speed to reach climate targets. ([Euractiv](#), [ECNO](#))
- Europe risks failing to meet 2030 climate target, warns EU auditors. ([Euractiv](#), [ECA](#))
- The normative status of climate change commitments in international law. A [study](#).
- How to make NECPs fit the climate emergency? ([CAN Europe](#))
- Subsidy matching: Berlin tries a new way to bring back the solar sector. ([Euractiv](#))
- Breaking down borders: Europe's energy future lies in interconnection. ([META](#))
- New report shows that global shocks affect energy transition progress, with sustainability advancing while equity suffers. ([WEF](#))
- Civil society organisations' 10-point plan for a fossil gas phase-out by 2035. ([CAN Europe](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Greenhouse gas emissions from global energy industry still rising - report. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Deep trouble: The risks of offshore carbon capture and storage. A report. ([CIEL](#))
- The role of carbon pricing in transforming pathways to net zero emissions. A report. ([OECD](#))
- A competitive climate: How the EU's green agenda can protect the environment and the economy. ([ECFR](#))
- By disaster or by design? Effective policymaking in a polycrisis. A report. ([ZOE Institute](#))
- [European Council](#) meeting on 29-30 June.
- How can building owners and contractors better see the benefits of energy-efficient renovations? ([EEA](#))

- Fossil or fair: Will EU heating policy slow down or accelerate renewable energy justice? ([ECOS](#), [META](#))
- Why Austria has yet to implement its 2023 boiler ban. ([Euractiv](#))
- EPBD: Time for political courage to protect citizens. ([Oliver Rapf](#))
- Mistrust in mining should worry us all. ([Rohitesh Dhawan](#))
- Ecodesign for sustainable products. A [briefing](#).
- White paper: 10 insights from industrial ecology for the circular economy. ([IS4IE](#))
- If a circular economy is the goal, microfactories are the solution. ([WEF](#))
- Europe's licence to dump discarded clothes in the South must end. ([META](#))
- Circular economy and biodiversity. A report. ([EcoLogic](#))
- Charging for the future: what will the regulation infrastructure for alternative fuels bring? ([SEI](#))
- Nike, Heineken and PepsiCo call for stricter EU CO₂ standards for trucks. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Leading lawmaker opposes stricter vehicle pollution standards. ([Euractiv](#))
- Global shipping could halve emissions without impact on trade, study. ([Transport & Environment](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Aviation's contribution to European Union climate action: Review of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme as regards aviation. A [briefing](#).
- Research shows low emission zones improve health. ([The Guardian](#))
- Regenerative streets: Roads to the post-automobile city. An [article](#).
- Emissions of key air pollutants continue to fall across the EU, but reducing ammonia is the biggest challenge. ([EEA](#))
- European Parliament wants robust and fair air law. ([EEB](#), [EP](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- European Parliament calls for action to tackle water pollution. ([EEB](#), [EP](#))
- Extreme heat 'disproportionately' affects people with disabilities, warns human rights watchdog. ([Euronews](#))
- Heat-related deaths reach record high in France. ([Euractiv](#))
- Germany takes action against heatwave deaths, drawing lessons from France. ([Euronews](#))
- Global warming makes extreme rainfall and catastrophic flooding more likely. ([The Guardian](#))
- Risk of mosquito-borne diseases increases in EU due to heatwaves and floods. ([Euractiv](#))
- Artificial intelligence act. A [briefing](#).
- The predictable flop of Europe's green industrial policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Navigating crisis through sustainability. ([IEEP](#))
- The role of active labour market policies for a just transition. ([ILO](#))
- Global trends in climate change litigation: snapshot 2023. ([LSE](#))
- Increasing transparency or drowning in disclosure? Challenges and opportunities of the EU sustainability reporting directive for companies. A briefing note. ([GreenDeal-NET](#))
- Climate finance 'ignores' vulnerable children. Here's how we can change that. ([Euronews](#))
- New global finance pact takes small steps towards climate justice. ([Euractiv](#), [Fiona Harvey](#), [E3G](#), [Green Central Banking](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#))
- To tackle climate change, we need to talk less about climate finance and take more action on project finance. ([Daniel Duma and Miquel Muñoz Cabré](#))
- The role of international climate finance in bridging the low-carbon investment gap ([New Climate Institute](#))
- Public banks agree to benchmark investments against countries' climate plans. ([Climate Home News](#))
- On 27 June, the EP environment committee voted again on the Nature Restoration Act. The decisive vote in plenary will take place on 12 July. ([Euronews](#), [Arc2020](#), [WWF](#), [Politico](#),

[Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [BirdLife](#), [Euronews](#), [Seas at Risk](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Arc2020](#), [Greenpeace](#), [WWF](#), [EP](#), [Euronews](#), [WUR](#), [EEB](#))

- Analysis of the distribution of highly protected areas in view of the EU2030 target. An [article](#).
- Making carbon removal a real climate solution. How to integrate carbon removal into EU climate policy. A report. ([EcoLogic](#))
- Plagues, fires and drought: Why Europe needs to restore its forests. ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU deforestation regulation - turning a blind eye to the role of EU banks and investors? ([UU](#))
- Destruction of pristine rainforest soared in 2022 despite COP26 pledge ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [WRI](#))
- Putting local communities at the heart of forest restoration. ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU is not on track to a sustainable blue future. ([WWF](#))
- Do CAP strategic plans support farmers to use biocontrol alternatives to pesticide use? ([IEEP](#))
- EU countries question Commission's 'opaque' €430 million boost for farmers. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU agriculture ministers formulate 'urgent plea' to end fur farming. ([Euractiv](#))
- Make sustainable and healthy food an easy choice, says Group of Chief Scientific Advisors. ([Commission](#))
- New EU food systems law takes a 'dangerous' turn, NGOs warn. ([Euractiv](#))
- New report reveals: European 'mirror measures' for pesticides do not stop toxic practices. ([EEB](#))
- Commission acknowledges shortcomings social pillar agricultural funds. ([Euractiv](#))
- Greening the agri-food system through the EU budget: can we repurpose farm subsidies? ([IDDRI](#))
- Strategic plans for the CAP: more money, less accountability. ([Arc2020](#))
- German parliament rejects renegotiation of EU-Mercosur trade agreement. ([Euractiv](#))
- Social and environmental impacts integrated into EU trade policy. ([IEEP](#))
- Gap assessment of the European Green Deal. ([EEB](#))
- Research shows climate crisis linked to rising domestic violence in South Asia. ([The Guardian](#))
- How climate change is changing the definition of 'refugee'. ([OECD](#))
- EU proposes comprehensive new vision on climate change and environmental degradation threats to peace, security and defence. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [CIEL](#))

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Activities

- 2023-07-04 | Hybrid | [How can a shift to a circular economy in the EU contribute to a climate-neutral Europe?](#)
- 2023-07-04 | Online | [Chemical risk management - What is the role of the Essential Use Concept?](#)
- 2023-07-05 | Webinar | [Energy Communities for a Just Transition?](#)
- 2023-07-06 | Webinar | [ESCO project financing solutions: the bridge between energy efficiency projects and finance providers](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-09-06 | Hybrid | [The EU's directive on corporate sustainability due diligence - Striking the right balance for business, consumers, investors?](#)
- 2023-09-19 – 2023-09-21 | [Power to the Peatlands. European Peatland Conference](#)
- 2023-09-21 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #6: Freedom of Environmental Information](#)
- 2023-09-28 | [IEA Critical Minerals and Clean Energy Summit](#)
- 2023-10-09 | [Jongeren willen deel van de oplossing zijn - Les jeunes veulent faire partie de la solution](#)
- 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

- 2023-07-05 | [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!'](#)
- 2023-07-11 | [Greening transport package](#)



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