



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

- Spain has taken over the EU presidency from Sweden. ([New Climate Institute](#), [EEB](#), [EEB](#), [EEB](#), [Presidency](#))
- Copernicus: Record warmth North Atlantic - Warmest June ever recorded globally. ([Copernicus](#))
- On top of global warming, will El Niño create the perfect climate storm? ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate warmer El Niño has arrived and threatens lives, declares UN. ([The Guardian](#))
- UN says climate change 'out of control' after probably warmest week on record ([The Guardian](#))
- UAE's Al Jaber says COP28 will accelerate fossil fuel phase-out. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Energy Efficiency Directive revision: Fit for 55 package. A [briefing](#).
- Save the energy transition! NECPs must be ambitious on energy savings. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Twenty years of energy policy in Europe: goals achieved and lessons for the future. An [article](#).
- First and last and always: Politics of the 'energy efficiency first' principle in EU energy and climate policy. An [article](#).
- 'Revolutionary' solar cell innovations break through key energy threshold. ([The Guardian](#))
- Could reform of the EU's electricity market design sabotage the internal energy market it is supposed to sustain? ([CEPS](#))
- EU parliament reaches political agreement on electricity market reform. ([Euractiv](#))
- Excitement over 'natural hydrogen' after finding huge reserves in France ([Euractiv](#))

- Anxious hydrogen market holds back investment due to EU uncertainty. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU moves to propose massive withdrawal from Energy Charter. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Does carbon offsetting do more harm than good? ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Open letter - Strategy for managing industrial carbon emissions. ([ClientEarth](#))
- Skills shortage hinders climate investment plans across EU. ([Edie](#))
- Forget politics, renovate our homes - ahora mismo! ([Adrian Joyce](#))
- Review of the Construction Products Regulation. A [briefing](#).
- Critical raw materials: EU countries push for more ambitious targets. ([Euractiv](#), [Council](#))
- Key decisions in EU's push for cleaner EV batteries. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- [DigitalEurope](#) on the Critical Raw Materials Act.
- The green energy transition is not necessarily just. ([Bryan Galligan](#))
- Germany says it is preparing for possible Chinese export controls on minerals. ([Euractiv](#))
- China accused of numerous abuses related to mining of 'green minerals'. ([The Guardian](#))
- Amid a rush for raw materials, few are considering a more circular approach. ([Tahmid Chowdhury](#))
- Official says there is room for fine tuning of EU packaging waste regulation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Circular economy for textiles: taking responsibility for reducing, reusing and recycling textile waste and boosting markets for used textiles ([Commission](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#), [EEB](#), [RREUSE](#), [JustStyle](#))
- The transition to a circular economy is behind schedule in EU countries. ([ECA](#))
- Circular economy, climate and biodiversity in the next Green Deal. ([IEEP](#))
- How EU law on junkyards can bring clean steel and aluminium to Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Why all new trucks and buses must be emission-free by 2035. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Car manufacturers call for seven key conditions to meet CO₂ targets for light vehicles. ([ACEA](#))
- Polluting shipping faces climate bill at IMO talks. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Multimodal Digital Mobility Services Regulation - Environmental NGOs call for full coverage of cross-border trips. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Climate and trade cooperation is accelerating, but there is an elephant in the room. ([Michael Mehling](#), [Harro van Asselt](#), [Kasturi Das](#) and [Susanne Droege](#))
- EU carbon border tax: new report shows Africa will lose \$25bn every year ([David Luke](#))
- Review of the Industrial Emissions Directive. A [briefing](#).
- Consumer, health and environmental protection groups push for justice for EU pollution victims in crucial vote on Industrial Emissions Directive. ([ClientEarth](#))
- What opportunities and risks does AI present for climate action? ([LSE](#))
- New figures show rise in 'climate-washing' lawsuits against companies. ([LSE](#))
- Europe leads the way when it comes to environmental issues on Earth, it needs to do the same in space. ([Niklas Nienass](#))
- Discussion paper on welfare economics in the EU. ([IEEP](#), [EEB](#), [ZOE Insitute](#))
- EU disclosure requirements risk becoming toothless. 3 things the Commission should do. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- New EU reporting rules contain loophole that threatens green and just transition. ([Christy Hoffman](#) and [Caroline Rees](#))
- Inclusive green finance - what a new agenda could look like for central banks and financial regulators. ([Ulrich Voltz](#) and [Peter Knaack](#))
- Is financial regulation hindering the transition to net zero? ([Ben Carr](#))
- Can the public sector afford to finance a clean transition? ([Dimitri Zenghelis](#))
- EU Supreme Court confirms 'once and for all' that EIB cannot evade environmental scrutiny. ([ClientEarth](#))

- Does new 'global pact' accelerate climate finance for developing countries? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The 6 shifts that could transform climate finance. ([WEF](#))
- Financing biodiversity through private capital investment. ([PRI](#))
- Most crimes against wildlife in Europe go unpunished or unnoticed, according to a brand new report. ([WWF](#))
- On 5 July, the Commission presented a series of green proposals. European Green Deal: more sustainable use of natural resources from plants and soil ([Politico](#), [Commission](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [EEB](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#), [EEB](#), [Arc2020](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Euractiv](#), [IFOAM](#))
- On 12 July, the European Parliament will vote on the Nature Restoration Law. ([Politico](#), [IUCN](#), [Marcus Walsh](#), [Reuters](#), [IEEP](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [EP](#))
- Expert: Adaptation to climate change is crucial in restoring forests. ([Euractiv](#))
- How trees are good for nature, people and the climate. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Commission seeks 'paradigm shift' with new food systems law ([Euractiv](#))
- Sustainable food systems - pre-legislative synthesis of national, regional and local views on European Commission initiative. A [briefing](#).
- Research suggests soil improvement could keep world within 1.5°C target. ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate models underestimate risk to food security from 'compound' extreme weather. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Mitigating climate change in agriculture: Barriers to implementing carbon agriculture policies in the EU. An [article](#).
- EU lawmakers agree on plans to harness data for greener agriculture. ([Euractiv](#))
- Glyphosate no cause for 'serious concern', says EU agency. ([Euractiv](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Africa must adopt the idea of the 'just transition'. ([African Arguments](#))
- Identifying loss and damage is difficult - we need a pragmatic but science-based approach. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Linking climate action with sustainable development to put the world on track to reach the global target. ([SEI](#))
- Taking stock of progress towards the SDGs at the UN High-Level Political Forum 2023. ([IEEP](#))
- Lula blocks EU-Mercosur talks, prepares counter-proposal. ([Euractiv](#))
- Mercosur summit begins as trade deal with EU hangs in the balance. ([Euractiv](#))

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Activities

- 2023-07-11 – 2023-07-12 | [Max Planck Climate Conference for a Sustainable Anthropocene](#)
- 2023-07-13 | Online | [Making finance ministries part of the push for net zero emissions](#)
- 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 | Hybrid | [Remote work: fundamental questions and the way forward](#)
- 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](#)

- 2023-09-28 – 2023-09-29 | Hybrid | [Annual Conference on Law and Sustainable Finance in the EU 2023](#)
- 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

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



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