



## 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

- 'Uncharted territory': UN declares first week of July the world's hottest ever recorded ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [WMO](#))
- EU urges fossil fuel phase-out 'well before 2050' at COP28 ([Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euronews](#))
- Phasing out fossil fuels inevitable and essential, says COP28 president ([The Guardian](#))
- What is the UAE's COP28 plan for climate action? ([The Guardian](#), [Oil Change International](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- EU not ambitious enough on COP28 renewable energy targets ([Climate Home News](#))
- Memorandum to the Presidency Trio Spain-Belgium-Hungary. ([EEB](#))
- Scientists are going crazy over rising temperatures. Why not politicians? ([Euronews](#))
- Parliament adopts new rules to boost energy savings. ([EP](#))
- Rapid advances in key clean energy technologies show that the new energy economy is emerging faster than many think. ([IEA](#))
- Shaping tomorrow's resilient and sustainable energy system: It starts at home. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Powering buildings - Unlocking their energy potential through an EU solar standard. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Can nature and offshore wind farms work together in harmony? ([Kate Wallace-Lockhart](#))
- Spain presents options for reforming EU electricity market. ([Euractiv](#))
- Improving EU electricity market design. A [briefing](#).
- World's war on greenhouse gas emissions has military blind spot ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#))

- EU proposes withdrawal from Energy Charter Treaty over climate concerns. ([Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Economic 'headwind' lowers IEA forecast global oil demand. ([The Guardian](#), [IEA](#))
- Companies urged to drop environmental claims based on carbon offsets. ([The Guardian](#))
- The role of states and regions in achieving Paris climate agreement targets. A report. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- Carbon tax on luxury items is a fairer and more effective way to reduce emissions, research shows. ([Euronews](#), [article](#))
- The critical minerals market is experiencing unprecedented growth as demand for clean energy drives a surge in investment. ([IEA](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Diversification of critical supply chains minimises geopolitical risks. A report. ([IRENA](#))
- EU green policies must not alienate trading partners. A study. ([EEB](#), [EEB](#))
- Achieving a just transition: how to scale up renewables in a fair way. ([FoEI](#))
- US should sign minerals deal with EU this year, says official. ([Euractiv](#))
- Council adopts new regulation on batteries and waste batteries. ([Council](#))
- 'Batteries passport': ensuring environmental sustainability, decarbonisation and labour rights in mining. ([EnergyPost](#))
- A turning point: Critical resources act's need for social and equitable green transition. ([EEB](#))
- How to build a circular economy for rare earths? ([Nature](#))
- Parliament adopts position on EU rules for green building products. ([Euractiv](#))
- Ecodesign: more eco-friendly and energy-efficient products. ([EP](#), [BEUC](#), [ECOS](#), [RREUSE](#), [Orgalim](#), [DIGITALEUROPE](#), [Euractiv](#))
- EU still far from circular economy targets, experts say. ([Euractiv](#))
- Campaigners say EU plan to reduce textile waste needs more work. ([Euractiv](#))
- France helps pay for clothing repairs to reduce waste. ([The Guardian](#))
- Navigating the cost of living crisis: Impact on the reuse sector and the response of frontline social enterprises. ([RREUSE](#))
- Green Deal: Making freight transport greener for more economic gains with less environmental impact. ([Commission](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [CER](#), [IRU](#))
- New weight limits in the EU mean emission-free trucks are long overdue. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Cost of 'Euro 7' pollution rules for trucks overestimated, study shows. ([Euractiv](#))
- MEPs adopt new rules for more charging stations and greener marine fuels. ([EP](#))
- Perspectives on rolling stock supply in the EU. A [study](#).
- Setting the climate ambition for 2040. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Every hour, European governments miss out on €4 million in aviation taxes. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Airline boss wants you to take the train. ([Politico](#))
- International shipping's new climate plan prompts protest. ([Carbon Market Watch](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Commissie](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- Shipping emissions in Europe to highest level in three years. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- MaaS implications in the smart city: A multi-stakeholder approach. An [article](#).
- Commission aims to return to original text in platform negotiations. ([Euractiv](#))
- 61,000 Europeans may have died during last summer's heatwaves, experts say. ([Euractiv](#))
- Number of heat-related deaths '56% higher among women' during record summer 2022 in Europe. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- WHO countries in Europe reiterate pledge to address health impacts of climate change ([Euractiv](#))
- No city is 'truly prepared' for the heatwaves ahead. Here's what can be done about it. ([Euronews](#))

- Parliament votes on landmark EU 'compensation law' against pollution. ([Euractiv](#))
- Compensation for victims of climate change disasters. A [study](#).
- Industrial emissions: MEPs support revision of rules to cut pollution. ([EP](#), [Politico](#), [ClientEarth](#), [EEB](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#))
- EU drops ban on dangerous chemicals after industry pressure. ([The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#), [CEO](#))
- Largest ever public screening finds "alarmingly high" chemical exposure. ([EEB](#))
- The new digital economy and sustainability: Challenges and opportunities. An [article](#).
- Industrial policy is back - but Europe must now take the lead. ([Sebastian Dullien](#))
- Section 232 reloading: the false promise of the transatlantic steel and aluminium 'climate club' ([Bruegel](#))
- Mandatory transition plans are key to Europe's competitiveness. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Just transition: A new social contract for the well-being of people and planet. ([FEPS and Solidar](#), [FEPS](#))
- Legal principles shed new light on human rights of future generations. ([CIEL](#))
- Joint statement by EFAMA, Eurosif, IIGCC, PRI and UNEP FI on European standards for sustainability reporting. ([PRI](#))
- European standards 'weaken and compromise' sustainability reporting. ([ESG Clarity](#), [E3G](#))
- CSRD: Meeting the challenges of sustainability reporting. ([Various authors](#))
- Negotiations on EU rules on due diligence expected to pick up steam in September. ([Euractiv](#))
- Greenwashing: EU regulators must hold financial institutions accountable ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- The debt we need: Strengthening debt sustainability with forward-looking fiscal rules. ([Finance Watch](#))
- Nature in a sustainable EU finance policy. ([E3G](#))
- Aligning financial flows with the Kunming-Montreal global biodiversity framework. ([UNEPFI](#))
- On Wednesday 12 July, the EP voted on the nature restoration bill. Before the vote: [Paul Polman](#), [Euractiv](#), [Various authors](#), [Science](#), [Reuters](#), [WWF](#), [WWF](#), [Briefing](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Nathalie Tocci](#), [Euronews](#), [IIDDRI](#). After the vote: [EP](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [EEB](#), [BirdLife](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Greenpeace](#), [DW](#), [Euronews](#), [Arc2020](#), [Triodos](#), [Seas at Risk](#), [Reuters](#), [Politico](#), [ProVeg](#), [ESG Clarity](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#), [Politico](#), [Guido Montani](#).
- Soil protection: EU must roll up its sleeves. A report. ([ECA](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Reactions to the Commission's recent food policy proposals: [Arc2020](#), [Arc2020](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#).
- Commission releases new data in bid to break deadlock on pesticide reduction plan. ([Euractiv](#))
- Study: National CAP plans prioritise economic support over environment. ([Euractiv](#))
- Timmermans: EU farmers do not need more money to smooth green transition. ([Euractiv](#))
- UN research shows 710 tonnes of pesticides from agriculture enter the world's waterways every year. ([The Guardian](#))
- Using free trade agreements for sustainability. A report. ([IIEP](#))
- Why the Paris finance summit failed. ([Jayati Ghosh](#), [Sandrine Dixson-Declève](#) and [Johannah Bernstein](#))
- Understanding SDGs: the UN Sustainable Development Goals. A [briefing](#).
- EU progress on sustainable development goal for energy (SDG 7). A [briefing](#).
- SDG 6 for sustainable development on clean water and sanitation: EU support through targeted action. A [briefing](#).
- Reporting on the implementation of the SDGs: UN mechanisms and the EU approach. A [briefing](#).
- Evaluating migration as a successful adaptation to climate change: Trade-offs in welfare, equity and sustainability. An [article](#).

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## Activities

- 2023-07-18 | Hybrid | [Youth Climate and Sustainability Round Table #4](#)
- 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?](#)
- 2023-09-07 | Online | [Human rights due diligence: how should investors identify and prioritise risks?](#)
- 2023-09-19 – 2023-09-21 | [Power to the Peatlands. European Peatland Conference](#)
- 2023-09-20 | Hybrid | Navigating the Energy Transition - Implementing clean hydrogen initiatives in the EU
- 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

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