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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

- 'Not a done deal': Dutch climate commissioner candidate faces tough time in Parliament. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- EU's new top green chief vows not to water down climate ambition. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Reuters](#))
- Poland asks EU top court to scrap three climate policies. ([Reuters](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Unprecedented records: has humanity finally broken the climate? ([The Guardian](#))
- Dramatic climate measures needed to curb 'insane' extreme weather. ([The Guardian](#))
- How climate change will affect snow levels in Europe's ski resorts. ([CarbonBrief](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#))
- EU fossil energy generation hits record low due to falling demand. ([Ember](#), [The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Euronews](#))
- Renewables competitiveness accelerates, despite cost inflation. A report. ([IRENA](#))
- Wholesale electricity prices are historically high, but power prices look set to fall from 2026 onwards. ([Emmanuel Dubois-Pelerin and Massimo Schiavo](#))
- Advantages of hydropower over batteries in energy storage in off-grid systems: A case study. An [article](#).
- Battery energy storage systems for the new electricity market landscape: Modelling, state diagnosis, management and viability - an overview. An [article](#).
- Can a carbon tax be socially just? Analysis of the social distributional effects of the German CO₂ tax. An [article](#).

- Facing the social reality of the green transition. ([Hans Dubois and Ana Jesus](#))
- Debunking myths about the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. A briefing. ([EEB](#))
- A group of civil society organisations is calling on policymakers to ensure that Europe's buildings are the basis for an inclusive, fair and equitable, people-centred energy transition. ([Build Better Lives](#), [EPA](#), [CAN Europe](#), [EEB](#))
- EV charging in buildings - the missed opportunity in the EPBD. ([Jayson Dong](#))
- Cities lead the way in tackling energy poverty. ([Eurocities](#))
- Recyclers welcome EU's new plastic recycling target for cars, carmakers wary. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU considers weakening CO₂ neutrality standard for eFuels. ([Euractiv](#))
- Circular developments of maritime industrial ports in Europe: a semi-systematic overview of the current situation. An [article](#).
- European electric truck market grows, while electric buses lead the way. ([ICCT](#))
- Will electricity grids in the EU be able to handle the significant additional load of a growing electric truck fleet? A study. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- ReFuelEU aviation initiative: sustainable aviation fuels and the 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- 'That doesn't reflect the price for the planet': France wants an end to mega-low airfares ([Euronews](#))
- The German climate verdict, human rights, the Paris target and EU climate legislation. An [article](#).
- Growing number of countries consider criminalising ecocide. ([The Guardian](#))
- European climate activists face 'repressive tide'. ([Politico](#))
- Just transition as well-being. An [article](#).
- EU-US showdown over green steel: How to decarbonise trade. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU slaps down threat of US inflation-lowering bill for now. ([Politico](#))
- Climate crisis calls for turnaround in EU economic governance. ([Isabelle Brachet](#))
- EU watchdog monitors flood of money into biodiversity funds. ([Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#))
- Nature fund launched but funding questions remain. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Developed countries urged to contribute 'more' to global nature fund. ([The Guardian](#))
- With the CAP's strategic plans approved and in place, is the CAP really fairer and should fairness be neglected in the upcoming debate on the future of the CAP? A report. ([Arc2020](#))
- Commissioner: EU won't exempt farmers from green measures before 2024. ([Euractiv](#))
- German farmers hit by climate change impacts, new data shows ([Euractiv](#))
- EU lawmakers push for monetisation of carbon farming. ([Euractiv](#))
- Economic development and pesticide use in EU agriculture. An [article](#).
- Belgium, France, Germany: Pesticide giants export banned chemicals through European loopholes. ([Politico](#))
- EU citizens are more at risk from pesticides, according to new EU statistics. EU pesticide indicator needs urgent reform ([PAN](#))
- Biofuel certification schemes criticised for failing to stop fraud. ([Euractiv](#))
- Making the 'Loss and Damage' fund operational: learning from the perspective of funders and potential recipients. A briefing. ([SEI](#))
- Developing countries call for \$100bn 'loss and damage' target. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Why rich countries must pump climate funds into Africa - in all our interests ([Graça Machel](#))
- West must use COP28 to reverse Africa's climate neglect, or face new era of violence. ([Maurizio Geri](#))
- The science is clear: sustainable development and climate action are inextricably linked. ([Nature](#))

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Activities

- 2023-09-04 – 2023-09-08 | [The evolution of spatial planning law for environmental protection and climate transition](#)
- 2023-09-05 | Hybrid | [Sustainable future for European transport: levitating MagRail trains on existing railways](#)
- 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 | Online | [Financing the energy renovation of buildings](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-09-20 | [Transforming EU land use and the CAP: a post-2024 vision](#)
- 2023-09-21 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #6: Freedom of Environmental Information](#)
- 2023-09-21 | Hybrid | [The EU's directive on corporate sustainability due diligence - Striking the right balance for business, consumers, investors?](#)
- 2023-09-21 | [What role will storage play in Europe's future energy system?](#)
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- 2023-09-26 | [How can district heating help meet EU climate neutrality targets?](#)
- 2023-09-26 | [Tackling the global climate crisis with local solutions](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-10-05 | [Transformative pathways towards a new European eco-social model](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-10-11 | [Boosting circularity and seeking industrial-urban symbiosis through local-regional collaboration](#)
- 2023-10-23 | Hybrid | [Sustainable mines in my backyard? Analysis and debate on a controversial topic](#)
- 2023-10-24 | [Hydropower: a key player of the European energy transition](#)

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