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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

- Back to work: the EU's to-do list between now and the 2024 elections. ([Euronews](#), [BirdLife](#))
- Reactions on Wopke Hoekstra's appointment as climate commissioner. ([WWF](#), [Martha Myers](#))
- 'We are not delivering the results': COP28 president says world is losing race to meet climate targets. ([Euronews](#))
- EU prepares for 'global phase-out' of fossil fuels at COP28, concept paper shows. ([Euronews](#))
- The summer of 2023 was the warmest on record, EU scientists say. ([WMO](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Copernicus](#))
- World meteorologists point to 'vicious cycle' of heat waves and air pollution. ([WMO](#), [The Guardian](#), [Amnesty International](#))
- Antarctica warming much faster than models predicted in 'very worrying' sign for sea levels. ([The Guardian](#))
- The first 'Global Stocktake' will be published. ([Global Stocktake](#), [DW](#), [Euronews](#), [WRI](#), [E3G](#))
- Companies urge EU to raise climate ambition ahead of 2040. ([CLG Europe](#))
- Why the EU's 2050 climate neutrality target is 10 years too late. ([Antoine Grall](#), [Dominika Floriánová](#), [Ella Oksala and Leon de Graaf](#))
- F-gas review: much more than a climate victory for Europe. ([Davide Sabbadin](#))
- Focus climate policy now shifts to implementation, says EU. ([Euractiv](#))
- The von der Leyen Commission's six policy priorities: state of play in autumn 2023. An [analysis](#).

- Demand flexibility: A key challenge for EU electricity market reform. ([Euractiv](#))
- Urgent call for more capacity for electricity distribution networks to enable Europe's energy transition. ([Eurelectric](#))
- 'There is no future without renewable energy': 5 ways to drive the energy transition. ([UN](#))
- Transition to clean energy: A comprehensive analysis of renewable electricity generation in the EU-27. An [article](#).
- 3 ways civil society organisations are crucial for a just energy transition. ([WEF](#))
- The EU's hydrogen economy is struggling to take off. ([Euractiv](#))
- Hydrogen rules US may determine EU electrolysis industry fate. ([Euractiv](#))
- Fossil fuel companies are at a crossroads: Adapt or die. ([Vicente López-Ibor Mayor](#))
- How well do building energy performance certificates predict heat loss? An [article](#).
- Parliament wants to strengthen EU 'strategic projects' for critical minerals. ([Euractiv](#))
- Parliament raises recycling targets in EU critical raw materials law ([Reuters](#), [Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- From ore to omen: Mining's environmental and social alarm cry. ([META](#))
- Towards global action on resource management. ([Diego Marin and Jan Morrill](#))
- 'Expansion of EU Innovation Fund needed for battery supply chain'. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Julia Poliscanova](#))
- Reusable take-away packaging can significantly reduce carbon footprint compared to disposable packaging. ([Zero Waste Europe](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Smartphones and tablets will meet the EU's ambitious eco-design requirements by June 2025. ([ECOS](#))
- Draft UN plastics treaty threatens Big Oil's plan B. ([Climate Home News](#))
- 'All we need is less' - Zero Waste Europe demands urgent action against the fashion madness that is robbing the planet of its finite resources. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- 'We are part of the problem': how H&M, Mango and Zara are trying to come clean. ([Euronews](#))
- EU 'Green Claims' directive will also tackle greenwashing's crafty cousin, circular washing. ([Ana Birliga Sutherland](#))
- Introducing a horizontal European climate label for products. A [study](#).
- E-fuels will not be CO₂ neutral by 2035, says German transport minister. ([Euractiv](#))
- Agri-diesel debate: Can tractors be climate-friendly? ([Euractiv](#))
- 'Get used to it', environmental groups say to airline industry fighting flight cuts at Schiphol Airport. ([Euronews](#))
- Night train between Berlin and Paris returns after nine years. ([The Guardian](#))
- 'Autobesity' on course to worsen air pollution from car driving. ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate crisis poses biggest risk to people with respiratory diseases, experts warn. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Drying up: EU water scarcity must be tackled by better climate adaptation. ([WWF](#))
- Addressing shortcomings in the EU's green industrial agenda. A report. ([HBS](#))
- The Union's industrial transition 2023, state of play. ([E3G](#))
- Don't panic: the EU is still firmly in the global race for green technology leadership, according to new research. ([Euronews](#), [Strategic Perspectives](#))
- A new governance framework to safeguard the European Green Deal. ([Bruegel](#))
- Meeting climate change targets - in particular the goal of net zero production by 2050 - will require accelerated emissions reductions, says the OECD. ([OECD](#))
- Faster green transition would benefit businesses, households and banks, ECB's economy-wide stress test shows. ([ECB](#))
- Invasive species cost humans \$423 billion a year and threaten the world's diversity ([IPBES](#), [The Guardian](#), [Commission](#), [CarbonBrief](#))

- EU reconsiders protection status of wolves after increase in numbers. ([The Guardian](#), [Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Some fish species shrink, scientists say, probably due to global warming. ([The Guardian](#))
- 'Alarming' scale-up in offshore sand mining exposed by new data platform. ([The Guardian](#))
- Five drivers of the nature crisis ([UNEP](#))
- What are biodiversity hotspots and why are they important ([WEF](#))
- Study reveals role of UNESCO sites in biodiversity conservation. ([WEF](#))
- Joint open letter on the need to publish the EU legislative framework for sustainable food systems before the end of this Commission's mandate. ([EEB](#), [SlowFood](#), [WWF](#), [Euro Coop](#), [Euractiv](#))
- MEPs want Commission chief to review animal welfare EU as priority. ([Euractiv](#))
- European Commission urged to publish revised animal welfare legislation. ([Eurogroup for Animals](#))
- The causes fuelling the climate crisis receive 20 times more funding than the solutions, according to a new groundbreaking report by ActionAid. ([ActionAid](#))
- Rich countries sink billions into oil and gas despite COP26 pledge. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Climate disaster displaced nearly 2 million children in sub-Saharan Africa last year ([Euronews](#))
- African leaders at odds over climate plans as crucial Nairobi summit opens ([The Guardian](#))
- Von der Leyen pitches carbon pricing as key climate tool for Africa ([Politico](#))
- The African climate summit, reactions: [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [ODI](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [UNFCCC news](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Mohamed Adow](#).
- Doubling of energy investment in Africa requires urgent action to reduce financing costs and improve access to capital. ([IEA](#))

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- 2023-09-04 – 2023-09-08 | [The evolution of spatial planning law for environmental protection and climate transition](#)
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- 2023-09-06 | Hybrid | [The EU's directive on corporate sustainability due diligence - Striking the right balance for business, consumers, investors?](#)
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- 2023-09-19 | Online | [The extractive industries in the developing world: dilemmas and opportunities](#)
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- 2023-10-05 | [Transformative pathways towards a new European eco-social model](#)
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- 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](#)
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- 2023-10-24 | [Hydropower: a key player of the European energy transition](#)
- 2023-10-27 | [The European Climate Stocktake - EU and global progress towards the goals of the Paris Agreement](#)
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