



## 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

- Window to meet climate targets 'closing fast', warns UN report ([UN News](#), [Euronews](#), [Global Stocktake](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Nearly entire global population affected by warming - study. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Deadly humid heat waves will spread rapidly as climate warms - study. ([The Guardian](#))
- Ice cores show Antarctica warming twice as fast as global average. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Global push for fossil fuel phase-out increases ahead of COP28 ([The Guardian](#))
- 2023 State of the Union: European climate policy at a crossroads. ([E3G](#))
- On Wednesday 13 September, Ursula von der Leyen gave her 'State of the Union' in the EP. What to expect for the future of the Green Deal? ([Bruegel](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [ClientEarth](#), [EPC](#), [ETUC](#), [Slow Food](#), [Ursula von der Leyen](#), [EEB](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Brussels 'stands firm' on EU Green Deal despite headwinds ([Euractiv](#))
- EU countries must bridge 'planning gap' to meet climate targets, warns report ([The Guardian](#))
- Earth has passed six of nine planetary boundaries. ([Science](#), [Euronews](#))
- Key issues at stake as EU electricity market reform nears finishing line. ([Bram Claeys](#))
- Europe's electricity market must support a smarter energy transition. ([Hans Korteweg](#))
- Divided EU parliament adopts watered-down position on electricity market reform. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))

- EU lawmakers adopt bill increasing renewable energy targets. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- Coalition of world leaders calls for tripling renewable energy. ([Politico](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [Reuters](#), [IRENA](#))
- Record-low solar PV prices risk open strategic autonomy EU. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- Stronger international cooperation in high-emissions sectors crucial to get on track for 1.5°C climate target. ([IEA](#), [IRENA](#))
- China urges EU to ensure new carbon tariff complies with WTO rules. ([Euractiv](#))
- Policing carbon markets. A report. ([LSE](#))
- Positive energy neighbourhoods: Building a resilient and inclusive Europe. ([Gabi Kaiser and Maarten De Groote](#))
- The role of hydrogen in a future low-carbon and secure European energy system. A report. ([Renewables Grid Initiative](#))
- Time to get citizens more involved in climate neutrality plans. ([META](#))
- Beginning of end of fossil fuel era nears, says IEA. ([The Guardian](#))
- New fossil fuel projects 'very unwise economic risk' says global energy chief ([The Guardian](#))
- Germany approves weakened ban on fossil boilers by 2028. ([Euractiv](#), [EEB](#), [CEW](#))
- Research shows heat pumps are twice as efficient as fossil-fueled systems in cold weather. ([The Guardian](#))
- Revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive: Fit for 55 package. A [briefing](#).
- Climate crisis threatens global fashion industry, says report. ([Euractiv](#), [GLI](#))
- Paper food packaging is at the heart of Europe's waste crisis, new report shows. ([EEB](#))
- Critical raw materials act. A [briefing](#).
- 'Remining' for the energy transition. A briefing. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Sodium ion batteries are ready for commercialisation: for power grids, homes and even compact EVs. ([IRENA](#))
- Democratic Republic of Congo: industrial mining of cobalt and copper for rechargeable batteries leads to serious human rights violations. ([Amnesty International](#), [Euronews](#))
- Europe's quest for mining encounters obstacle: angry locals. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU wants to become less dependent on China for materials for batteries and solar panels. ([The Guardian](#), [EP](#))
- Small and profitable: Why affordable electric cars are feasible by 2025. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Beijing denounces 'protectionist' EU research as Chinese EV shares fall. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Green Deal is needed to maintain confidence in our future. ([IEEP](#))
- What the new EU renewable energy directive means for clean fuels in Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Parliament backs law for more green fuels in EU flights. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#))
- Emission reductions and public health benefits of timely Euro 7 standards. ([ICCT](#))
- Review of EU air quality legislation: setting a zero pollution target for air. A [briefing](#).
- Europe's conservative lawmakers are at it again - this time on air pollution. ([Politico](#))
- Patients with respiratory diseases are particularly affected by climate change. ([Euractiv](#))
- Parliament votes to delay EU air quality standards WHO compliance until 2035. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [EEB](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- Clear message from Parliament: We need to tackle water pollution. ([EEB](#))
- Why you should care about the battle over F-gases. ([META](#))
- EU continues phasing out ozone-depleting chemicals. ([EEA](#))
- Bisphenol A detected in almost all Europeans, EU agency finds. ([EEA](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Cramped EU calls for 'better' prevention against climate disasters. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU climate technology policy needs more creativity to succeed. ([Craig Douglas](#))

- Innovation could pave the way for decarbonising high-temperature heat in industries. ([IRENA](#))
- Experts call for a global moratorium on attempts to geoengineer the climate. ([The Guardian](#), [CIEL](#))
- The impact of Russia's war on Ukraine on climate action, food supply and energy security. ([Chatham House](#))
- What makes climate change a populist issue? An [article](#).
- Eco-social contracts for the polycrisis. A report. ([Green Economy Coalition](#))
- Fairness in Europe's green transition. ([E3G](#))
- What's next for the EU's green agenda? ([Chiara Martinelli](#))
- Young people take 32 European countries to court over climate policy. ([The Guardian](#))
- How science supported a major European climate case. ([Nature](#))
- How climate and energy governance rules are improving. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EU countries still divided over proposed corporate accountability rules. ([Euractiv](#))
- Proposed EU ESG rating regulation shows limited consistency with wider EU sustainable finance framework. ([IEEFA](#))
- Speeding up green transition is cheaper than delaying. ([WEF](#))
- How credit rating agencies can raise the quality of carbon credits. ([Carbon market Watch](#))
- Prudential transition plans: the big push for effective supervision and regulation of climate-related financial risks? ([LSE](#))
- World Bank spent billions of dollars to support fossil fuels by 2022, study shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- The state of sustainable finance in the Union 2023. ([E3G](#))
- Financial markets: Commission consults on disclosure on sustainable finance. ([Commission](#))
- NGO response to Commission communication on wolves in Europe. ([EEB](#), [WWF](#))
- Peatland protection pays off - Mass conservation and restoration needed. ([HBS](#))
- Young Europeans want sustainable food to become more affordable. ([WWF](#))
- Halving dependence on meat and dairy can reduce land use emissions by 31%. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Commission chief considers change of course in EU agriculture policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Europe's food systems - long past their sell-by date. ([Isabel Paltotta and Ben Snelson](#))
- The ecological footprint of the EU-27 was mainly caused by food consumption and exceeded the regional biocapacity from 2004 to 2014. ([Nature](#))
- EU must seize opportunity to ban harmful herbicide glyphosate. ([Greenpeace](#))
- How the EU can prevent its deforestation-free law from being a half-measure. ([Jonathan Mockshell](#))
- EU under pressure to tackle fraudulent biofuel imports. ([Euractiv](#))
- Small island states sue high-emitting countries to protect ocean. ([The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Key outcomes of African climate summit. ([E3G](#))
- West's hypocrisy on climate action exposed at first Africa climate summit ([Isabel Schatzschneider](#))
- Debt relief should break dependence on fossil fuel exports. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Report concludes that rainforest carbon credit programmes are misleading and ineffective. ([The Guardian](#))
- Stop calling people 'climate refugees'. ([Kalia Ruth Barkai](#))

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