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General

- The European Commission presented the <u>European Green Deal</u> proposal (<u>communication +</u> <u>roadmap</u>) on 11 December 2019.
- The European Council of <u>12 December 2019</u> confirmed the principle of climate neutrality.
- The European Parliament on 15 January 2020 adopted <u>a resolution</u> 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

- France wants stronger EU stance on stopping fossil fuels at COP28 (Euractiv)
- Phase out or phase down? Battle over fossil fuels heats up ahead of COP28 (Euronews)
- The path to limit global warming to 1.5 °C has narrowed, but growth in clean energy keeps it open. (IEA, <u>The Guardian</u>, <u>Climate Home News</u>)
- Report says EU faces 'make or break moment' for green transition. (The Guardian, ECFR)
- Jobs in renewables almost double in last decade, to 13.7 million by 2022 (ILO, IRENA)
- New report reveals jobs in European solar power up 39% by 2022. (SolarPower Europe)
- Antarctic sea ice shrinks to lowest annual maximum, data shows. (The Guardian)
- Swiss glaciers lose 10% of their volume in two years. (The Guardian)
- New analysis: Action EU countries on renewable acceleration legislation is only 13%. (SolarPower Europe)
- EU wants massive investment in electricity storage. (Euractiv)
- No energy to waste: we cannot give up on innovative storage technologies. (<u>Energy Storage</u> <u>Coalition</u>)
- The design of the European electricity market Current proposals and way forward. A study.
- Hydrogen: A reality check. (Euractiv)
- Belgium prepares ports for massive green hydrogen imports (Euractiv)
- How Germany, France and Italy relate to net zero emissions targets. (The Guardian)
- Gas in decline: benchmarking the EU's national energy and climate plans. (E3G)

- Macron launches 'ecological plan' to end fossil fuel use in France by 2030 (<u>The Guardian</u>, <u>Euronews</u>)
- Buying and installing a heat pump: how hard can it be? New BEUC research. (BEUC)
- Fighting energy poverty with fossil fuels? (Vlasios Oikonomou)
- New reports reveal why carbon removal and temporary storage stand in the way of effective climate action. (<u>Carbon Market Watch</u>)
- Temporary carbon storage is a risky 'quick fix'. (Carbon Market Watch)
- Controversial EU packaging waste law delayed. (Euractiv)
- Sorting through the trash talk to solve Europe's packaging waste crisis. (META)
- We are a year on: Nestlé, Danone and others have yet to make sufficient progress on plastic pollution. (<u>ClientEarth</u>)
- New report calls for EU-wide moratorium on waste incinerators. (Zero Waste Europe)
- IEA summit on critical minerals and clean energy delivers six key actions for safe, sustainable and responsible supply chains (IEA)
- More than 40 civil society organisations come together to advocate for sustainable and equitable resource policies. (<u>EEB</u>)
- Critical minerals require a very different approach. (Jonathan Pershing and Monica Araya)
- Civil society organisations concerned about industry-led mining standards. (<u>Transport &</u> <u>Environment</u>)
- Critical materials act. A briefing.
- Euro 7: Council takes position on emissions from cars, vans, buses and trucks. (<u>Transport &</u> <u>Environment</u>, <u>Council</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Transport & Environment</u>, <u>The Guardian</u>, <u>ICCT</u>)
- Intelligent road transport systems. A briefing.
- Affordable €25k EVs by 2025: European carmakers can do it. Instead, they are making more profitable SUVs. (<u>Transport & Environment</u>)
- Macron unveils €100/month leasing scheme for EU-made electric cars. (Euractiv)
- How German car arrogance caused Europe's Kodak moment. (<u>William Todts</u>)
- EU urges restriction on export of 'black mass' of used electric vehicles. (Euractiv)
- How to calculate and verify the carbon footprint of batteries for electric vehicles. (<u>Transport</u> <u>& Environment</u>)
- BCG research says EU truck industry could lose up to a tenth of sales to foreign rivals. (<u>Transport & Environment</u>)
- Dear Commission, stick to your word and legislate on better ticketing. (Carlos Calvo Ambel)
- Barcelona Declaration: new ambition for sustainable transport in the EU. (POLIS)
- The digital transition for a sustainable mobility regime? A long-term perspective. An article.
- First report on the state of the digital decade calls for collective action to shape the digital transition. (<u>Commission</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>)
- Ecodesign: there can be no Green Deal without a strong enforcement framework. (EEB)
- What does the green and digital transition mean for cities? (Eurocities)
- Protecting the environment and health: Commission takes action to reduce intentionally added microplastics. (<u>Commission</u>)
- EU Ombudsman criticises Commission's failure to make public full impact assessment of REACH review. (<u>CEO</u>)
- Urban wastewater treatment: updating EU rules. A briefing.
- Transformative ideas ensuring a just share of progress for all. A report. (ETUI)
- Rising discontent bodes poorly for Green Deal EU. (Politico)
- European leaders' dilemma: keeping voters sweet while tackling climate change. (Politico)
- Why Portuguese youths are suing European countries over forest fires. (<u>Climate Home</u> <u>News</u>, <u>Euronews</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>, <u>The Guardian</u>, <u>CIEL</u>)
- The David vs Goliath climate case (<u>Romain Didi</u>)

- Board of directors and environmental practices: the effect of board experience, culture, and tenure. An <u>article</u>.
- EU policy 'superior' to US Inflation Reduction Act, say European economists. (Euractiv)
- IEA, ECB and EIB stress importance of accelerating transition to clean energy for Europe's industrial competitiveness and financial stability. (IEA)
- Reality check: lessons from 25 policies for a low-carbon future. (World Bank)
- Exploring how artificial intelligence and circular economy activities enable integrated reporting practices. An <u>article</u>.
- Experts concerned about impact of due diligence legislation EU on Southern Hemisphere. (Euractiv)
- Windfall tax on oil states would help poor countries in climate crisis, says Brown (<u>The</u> <u>Guardian</u>)
- European banks helped fossil fuel companies raise more than €1 trillion in global bond markets. (<u>The Guardian</u>)
- Major European insurers 'insure 30% of US coal despite net zero promises'. (The Guardian)
- Watered down? Investigating the financial materiality of water-related risks in the financial system. (<u>OECD</u>)
- Q&A: Can 'carbon offsets' help tackle climate change? (CarbonBrief)
- Analysis: How some of the world's biggest companies rely on carbon offsets to achieve 'net zero'. (<u>CarbonBrief</u>)
- How big is the financing gap of net zero? A report. (<u>Climate Policy Initiative</u>)
- Advancing the implementation of Europe's sustainable finance agenda. (E3G)
- Access to sustainable finance for SMEs: a European survey. (EuroChambres)
- Q&A: What are 'biodiversity offsets'? (CarbonBrief)
- A joint call for sustainable food systems in the EU. (META)
- A better future for food and agriculture in the EU. A report. (EEB, WWF)
- Less food waste in the EU. A report. (<u>BEUC</u>)
- Ministerial debate shows fault lines over 'loss and damage' fund. (<u>Climate Home News</u>)

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Activities

- 2023-10-02 | Online | Corporate climate integrity: what role for the EU?
- 2023-10-02 2023-10-03 | Hybrid | OECD Forum on Green Finance and Investment
- 2023-10-05 | Transformative pathways towards a new European eco-social model
- 2023-10-05 | Online | <u>Advancing the EU's just transition policy framework: what measures</u> <u>are necessary?</u>
- 2023-10-06 | Online | Global resource flows and their environmental impacts
- 2023-10-09 | Jongeren willen deel van de oplossing zijn Les jeunes veulent faire partie de la solution
- 2023-10-10 | Online | <u>Circular Diversity: Creative solutions to promote the re-use of second-hand goods Re-use Berlin</u>
- 2023-10-10 | Online | The Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) What next?
- 2023-10-10 | Online | Combining energy efficiency & renewable energy sources
- 2023-10-11 | <u>Boosting circularity and seeking industrial-urban symbiosis through local-</u> regional collaboration
- 2023-10-11 | Hybrid | Empowering consumers on climate change
- 2023-10-12 | Shaping a future-proof corporate ecosystem

- 2023-10-19 | Hybrid | Environmental Law Lecture #7: Public Participation in the EU and other legal frameworks
- 2023-10-23 | Hybrid | <u>Sustainable mines in my backyard? Analysis and debate on a</u> <u>controversial topic</u>
- 2023-10-24 | <u>Aligning capital investment with the European Green Deal</u>
- 2023-10-24 | <u>Hydropower: a key player of the European energy transition</u>
- 2023-10-26 | Online | <u>The labour-environment nexus: Exploring new frontiers in labour law</u>
- 2023-10-27 | <u>The European Climate Stocktake EU and global progress towards the goals of the Paris Agreement</u>
- 2023-11-07 | Implementation and usability of the EU Taxonomy: What can the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance do?
- 2023-11-29 | Hybrid | The oceans, the blue economy and implications for climate change
- 2023-11-30 | Online | <u>Sustainable and Impact Investments International Conference</u>

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Commission documents

- 2023-10-03 | <u>Communication on critical technologies</u>
- 2023-10-17 | <u>2024 Commission work programme</u> | <u>Report on the promotion of investments</u> <u>in clean technologies</u>
- 2023-10-24 | European Wind Power Package
- 2023-11-21 | European Semester autumn package
- 2023-11-29 | <u>Mobility package</u> / A common European mobility data space / Revision of package travel / Review of Passenger's rights framework



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