



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

- NGOs warn against neglecting green issues in the EU's future priority list. In that context, they are looking at the 'Granada Declaration', which will be the outcome of the [informal European Council](#). ([Euractiv](#), [EEB](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Patrick Ten Brink and Faustine Bas-Fossez](#))
- Amid growing threats, Belgium will place strong emphasis on the continuation of the European Green Deal and the protection of LGBTIQ+ rights during its presidency of the EU Council. ([Euractiv](#))
- Hearings of Commissioner-designate Hoekstra and Commissioner Šefčovič took place in the EP on 2 and 3 October. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [CEO](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [EP](#), [EP](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EEB](#), [Arc2020](#), [Euronews](#), [Eurogroup for Animals](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [CEO](#), [EP](#))
- Autumn heat continues in Europe after record-breaking September. ([The Guardian](#))
- Scientists stunned by Earth's record-breaking September heat. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- September heat record 'unbelievable': EU head climate monitor. ([Euractiv](#))
- European summer 2023: a season of contrasting extremes. ([Copernicus](#))
- South American monsoon heading for 'tipping point' likely to cause Amazon dieback. ([The Guardian](#))
- In the past six years, 43 million children have been displaced by extreme weather, reports Unicef. ([The Guardian](#))
- International climate and energy summit in Madrid builds momentum for efforts to reach 1.5°C target. ([IEA](#))

- Global carbon emissions from electricity could peak this year, according to report. ([The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- Slow route to net zero will worsen global climate crisis, IPCC chief warns. ([The Guardian](#))
- COP28 call to raise climate targets meets with total indifference. ([Climate Home News](#))
- UN puts 'course correction' climate on COP28 negotiating table. ([Climate Home News](#), [UNFCCC](#), [The Guardian](#))
- COP28, oil company ADNOC emissions exactly opposite climate target. ([Global Witness](#))
- EU reaches agreement on schedule to stop climate-damaging F-gases. ([EP](#), [Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [EEB](#))
- EU carbon price to hit €400 mark with 90% climate target: analysts. ([Euractiv](#))
- Top climate advisor: France should allocate €60bn more annually to green policies. ([Euractiv](#))
- People first: how do we make Europe's shift to sustainability inclusive? ([EEA](#))
- Can the EU's expanded emissions trading system ensure a just transition for vulnerable Europeans and the climate? ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- The EU and solar energy. ([Francesco Crespi](#), [Dario Guarascio](#), [Serenella Caravella](#) and [Giacomo Cucignatto](#))
- European solar industry warns against import tariffs. ([Euractiv](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- WWF report: Only 10 member states ambitions wind energy compatible with Paris agreement. ([WWF](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Energy infrastructure in the EU: Improving energy security. A [briefing](#).
- EU countries try to break impasse on electricity market reform. ([Euractiv](#))
- How heat pumps became a Scandinavian success story. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- How battery energy storage can take us to net zero. ([WEF](#))
- The dirty truth about the EU's hydrogen campaign. ([CEO](#))
- The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is starting to work in transition. ([Commission](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [ECOS](#))
- How current carbon removal policy frameworks are not benefiting the climate. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- EU Commissioner Breton confirmed the EU strategy to boost domestic production and diversify supplies of key critical raw materials at an IEA summit. ([Euractiv](#))
- Quarries are temporary, but their environmental impacts are forever: how ecodesign can help. ([ECOS](#))
- E-fuels would 'emit five times as much as electric cars' if EU criteria are weakened. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Assessing the risks of crediting alternative fuels in European CO₂ standards for trucks and buses. A [briefing](#).
- Commission launches investigation into subsidised electric cars from China ([Commission](#), [Politico](#))
- EU climate chief nominee wants global tax on jet fuel ([Climate Home News](#))
- Cycling gets boost from Brussels with EU declaration. ([Euractiv](#), [ECF](#), [Eltis](#))
- 'Green claims' directive: Protecting consumers from greenwashing. A [briefing](#).
- Planning and implementation of low and zero emission zones in cities. ([ICCT](#))
- Toxic tyre dust: This source of microplastic pollution could be the worst of all. ([Euronews](#))
- EU parliament approves lowering asbestos exposure limit. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#))
- Burning wood indoors increases the risk of lung cancer in women by 43%, according to US research. ([The Guardian](#))
- Soil monitoring and resilience in the EU. A [briefing](#).
- Tighter EU controls on crucial technologies possible from spring 2024. ([Euractiv](#))
- European integration in the era of the new Cold War. A [manifesto](#). ([Euractiv](#), [Bruegel](#))
- ECB's Lagarde advocates green EU bonds. ([Euractiv](#))

- European Parliament increases transparency for green bonds. ([WWF](#), [EP](#), [Reuters](#))
- Financing the emissions-free journey: urban visions from the 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission. An [article](#).
- Lawmakers call for 'European Blue Deal' to tackle water problems. ([Euractiv](#))
- Why an EU law for nature restoration is desperately needed. ([Janice Weatherley-Singh and Tim Rayden](#))
- Europe needs a nature restoration law for purpose, say 200 NGOs. ([WWF](#), [BirdLife](#), [EEB](#))
- Tree planting programmes threaten tropical biodiversity, say ecologists. ([The Guardian](#))
- Commission remains evasive on timeline of missing pieces of EU food agenda. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU Green Deal - Where do Agri elements stand? ([Arc2020](#))
- Sources say Commission is reconsidering its proposal to extend glyphosate. ([Euractiv](#))
- Approval proposal for glyphosate will not be turned upside down, says EU commissioner. ([Euractiv](#))
- New research questions accuracy of EU biofuels impact assessments. ([Euractiv](#))
- What food waste means for climate change. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The concept of 'climate refugee': Towards a possible definition. A [briefing](#).
- Ambition Green Climate Fund at risk after 'disappointing' pledges. ([Climate Home News](#))

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Activities

- 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](#)
- 2023-10-10 | Online | [The Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation \(SFDR\) - What next?](#)
- 2023-10-10 | Online | [Combining energy efficiency & renewable energy sources](#)
- 2023-10-10 | [Solar and Digitalisation: Redefining Smart Cities Renewables](#)
- 2023-10-11 | [Boosting circularity and seeking industrial-urban symbiosis through local-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 | [Sustainable mines in my backyard? Analysis and debate on a controversial topic](#)
- 2023-10-24 | [Aligning capital investment with the European Green Deal](#)
- 2023-10-24 | [Hydropower: a key player of the European energy transition](#)
- 2023-10-24 | Online | [Turning the tide on plastic waste and pollution: Driving a circular economy for plastics](#)
- 2023-10-25 | [EU Regulation on deforestation-free products – What implications for smallholders?](#)
- 2023-10-26 | Online | [The labour-environment nexus: Exploring new frontiers in labour law](#)
- 2023-10-27 | [The European Climate Stocktake - EU and global progress towards the goals of the Paris Agreement](#)
- 2023-11-07 | [Implementation and usability of the EU Taxonomy: What can the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance do?](#)
- 2023-11-28 | Online | [PFAS and the green transition - how can we strike a balance?](#)

- 2023-11-29 | Hybrid | [The oceans, the blue economy and implications for climate change](#)
- 2023-11-30 | Online | [Sustainable and Impact Investments International Conference](#)
- 2023-11-30 | Hybrid | [Towards a sustainable future - What is the potential of the EU's bioeconomy?](#)

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Commission documents

- 2023-10-17 | [2024 Commission work programme](#) | [Report on investments in clean technologies](#)
- 2023-10-24 | [European Wind Power Package](#)
- 2023-11-21 | [European Semester autumn package](#)
- 2023-11-29 | [Mobility package](#) / - A common European mobility data space / - Revision of package travel / - Review of Passenger's rights framework



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