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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

- September 2023, by far the warmest on record. ([Copernicus](#))
- Climate crisis costs \$16 million an hour in damage from extreme weather, according to research. ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate crisis is 'not gender neutral': UN calls for more policy focus on women. ([The Guardian](#))
- A global target to double efficiency is essential to keep net zero on the table. ([IEA](#))
- Climate commissioner must back ambitious EU methane regulation. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Human emissions made deadly South American heat 100 times more likely. ([The Guardian](#))
- More than 40% of Antarctica's ice shelves have shrunk since 1997 and almost half show "no signs of recovery", a study shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Fossil fuel phase-out agreements at COP28 could become reality. ([Oil Change International](#))
- COP28 will be among the topics to be discussed at the [council of environment ministers](#) on 16 October.
- Key policy actions on sustainability for the Spanish presidency. ([IEEP](#))
- Renewable energy: Council adopts new rules. ([Council](#), [Commission](#))
- 50 NGOs call for accelerating the use of renewable energy sources that respect nature and the community. ([EEB](#))
- Electricity and solar sectors join forces to ready European grids for solar PV revolution. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- France and Germany aim for energy agreement 'end of this month'. ([Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#))

- A fairer energy system with energy communities. ([Klervi Kerneis](#))
- Citizens call for sufficiency and regulation - A comparison of European citizen assemblies and national energy and climate plans. An [article](#).
- Assessing emissions related to European household spending and their impact on achieving carbon neutrality. An [article](#).
- German industry makes last attempt to save EU buildings law ([Euractiv](#))
- Energy Performance of Buildings Directive: Whole Life Carbon policy needed now. ([EEB](#))
- On shaky ground: EU energy performance of buildings law threatens to be watered down and delayed. ([META](#))
- EU's mutilated buildings directive is the price of democracy. ([Euractiv](#))
- European Parliament wants fair, flexible approach to efficient buildings legislation. ([Ciarán Cuffe](#))
- Definition of 'high-quality' recycling is central to EU packaging legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- 'Repairing is the new cool': how Amsterdam started a fashion revolution. ([The Guardian](#))
- Users' circular practices: Adopting a user stewardship perspective for a circular economy. An [article](#).
- Sustainable international business model innovations for a globalising circular economy: a review and synthesis, integrative framework and opportunities for future research. An [article](#).
- Euro 7: MEPs support new rules to reduce road transport emissions. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- E-fuels cannot save Europe from Chinese electric vehicles. ([Julia Poliscanova](#))
- 10 proposals to put European transport on the road to a safe, prosperous and climate-neutral future. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Understanding the policy integration challenges of sustainable urban mobility in the context of rapid decarbonisation. An [article](#).
- Green and safety groups sound alarm over US-style pick-up trucks in Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Politico](#))
- A 'carbon correction factor' is not about climate ambition or encouraging alternative fuels. Instead, it is an attempt to slow down the transition to zero-emission trucks. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Volvo Cars, Ford, Renault Group, Ikea and others call on new climate commissioner to keep his promise to electrify corporate fleets by 2030. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- RefuelEU aviation initiative: Council adopts new law to decarbonise aviation sector. ([Council](#), [Commission](#))
- Better protection for consumers against harm from defective products. ([EP](#))
- Wastewater regulation: EU parliament prioritises access to medicines. ([Euractiv](#))
- Preventable yet everywhere: harmful chemicals in a variety of consumer products highlight need for stricter EU regulation. ([BEUC](#))
- EU quietly shelves REACH regulation on toxic chemicals. ([Euractiv](#))
- Microplastics discovered in clouds over two Japanese mountains. ([The Guardian](#))
- Briefing paper: Tackling PFAS in drinking water. ([EEB](#))
- Regulating eco-innovation in the European Union. An [article](#).
- Green industrial policy through a feminist lens. ([META](#))
- [Highlights](#) of GreenDeal-NET's biannual survey.
- Behavioural spillovers unpacked: estimating the side effects of social norm nudges. An [article](#).
- How criminalisation is being used to silence climate activists worldwide. ([The Guardian](#))
- The climate law the fossil fuel industry doesn't want. ([Global Witness](#))
- Déjà vu: Financial sector and due diligence, in or out? ([Richard Gardiner](#))

- The case for a green capital markets union. ([Jorgo Chatzimarkakis](#))
- What is net zero and what are the implications for financial regulation ([Green Central Banking](#))
- European companies struggle with investment challenges against the backdrop of tighter financial conditions and climate change. ([EIB](#))
- The World Bank says it will try to get governments to stop spending public money to make fossil fuels artificially cheap. ([Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Five major extinction risks for plants and fungi on Earth. A report. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Politicians, not the public, driving U-turns on green agenda, says UN biodiversity chief ([The Guardian](#))
- Blue carbon: Challenges and opportunities to mitigate the climate and biodiversity crisis. A report. ([IDDRI](#))
- Commission backs down on glyphosate re-approval. ([Arc2020](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Renew glyphosate: A 'round-up' of how EU countries plan to vote. ([Euractiv](#))
- Link farm subsidies to performance, OECD tells EU. ([Euractiv](#), [OESO](#))
- EU fails to transform food system despite environmental crisis ([Arc2020](#))
- Experts call for just and fair transition of industrial meat production and consumption. ([SEI](#))
- Doubts over legal compliance put Brazil's soy exports to the EU at risk. ([SEI](#))
- New research shows that Latin America exports 40% of its extracted raw materials at the expense of the environment. ([Circle Economy](#))
- NGOs denounce 'blatant and inexcusable' US silence as countries pledge €8.8bn to Green Climate Fund. ([Euronews](#))
- Time for a course correction with climate finance measures on all fronts, says WWF. ([WWF](#), [Finance Ministers for Climate](#))
- Clean cookers for Africa: The IEA's pitch to the EU for COP28. ([Euractiv](#))
- On the road to ('nowhere')? The SDGs halfway. ([Werner Raza](#))

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Activities

- 2023-10-16 | Online | [Accelerating circular innovation in urban landscapes](#)
- 2023-10-17 | Online | [Local authorities' policy toolkit to promote circular construction skills](#)
- 2023-10-19 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #7: Public Participation in the EU and other legal frameworks](#)
- 2023-10-19 | Online | [Power-to-X and Sustainability, Skills and jobs & Benefits for communities](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-10-24 - 2023-10-25 | [RE-energising Europe](#)
- 2023-10-25 | [EU Regulation on deforestation-free products – What implications for smallholders?](#)
- 2023-10-25 | [A circular economy powered by the Single Market: Key policies ahead of the EU elections](#)
- 2023-10-26 | Online | [The labour-environment nexus: Exploring new frontiers in labour law](#)
- 2023-10-26 | Online | [Power-to-X and Sustainability, Desalination & Carbon source](#)

- 2023-10-26 | [Pre-COP28: In conversation with Jacob Werksman](#)
- 2023-10-27 | [The European Climate Stocktake - EU and global progress towards the goals of the Paris Agreement](#)
- 2023-10-27 | [Status of implementation of the EU CBAM](#)
- 2023-10-30 | [Carbon Removal Certification Framework: What is next?](#)
- 2023-11-02 | Hybrid | [A net zero emissions future: how to make it a reality](#)
- 2023-11-02 | Online | [Power-to-X and Sustainability, Land-use & Stakeholder participation](#)
- 2023-11-06 | Hybrid | [The Common Agricultural Policy post-2027](#)
- 2023-11-07 | [Implementation and usability of the EU Taxonomy: What can the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance do?](#)
- 2023-11-08 | Online | [Crowdfunding as a driver for the EU's energy transition - What difference can it make?](#)
- 2023-11-08 | Hybrid | [Identifying the circularity gaps of the European Critical Raw Materials Act](#)
- 2023-11-14 | Online | [Analysing the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive - What are the implications for our forests?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-10-24 | [European Wind Power Package](#) / - Action Plan for the European Wind Power Package / - Communication on delivering EU offshore renewable energy strategy | [Report on investments in clean technologies](#)
- 2023-11-21 | [European Semester autumn package](#) | [Forest monitoring framework](#)
- 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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