



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 2024](#).

Current affairs

- 'More than 99% chance' that 2023 will be the warmest year on record. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Commission presented [2024 work programme](#). ([Euractiv](#), [Eurogroup for Animals](#), [EEB](#), [Slow Food](#), [ProVeg](#))
- There was a [meeting of environment ministers](#) on 16 October. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#))
- At that meeting, the EU position for COP28 was set. ([Council](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The Council also decided on an updated national contribution (NDC) of the EU and its member states to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). ([Council](#))
- Climate finance: Council adopts conclusions ahead of COP28 ([Council](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Migrant workers toil in dangerous heat to prepare for COP28 climate talks in UAE. ([The Guardian](#))
- How the Greenland ice sheet fared in 2023. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Green investors warn EU against rollback of climate policies. ([Euractiv](#))
- Recent discussions show a welcome realisation that Europe must act faster and more decisively to move to a prosperous and fair net-zero economy. ([E3G](#))
- On 17 October, [energy ministers met](#). This included discussions on electricity market reform. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))

- Global electricity grid needs urgent improvement to meet climate targets, says IEA. ([IEA, The Guardian](#))
- The rapid growth of renewables calls for more cooperation between member states to double the flexibility in the EU's electricity system. ([EEA](#))
- Putting ETS 2 and the Social Climate Fund to work. A report. ([Öko-Institut](#))
- Fairer and faster permits for a successful transition to renewable energy in Europe. A briefing. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Brussels finalises 'wind energy package' to help beleaguered EU industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- Geothermal energy: Europe's next renewable opportunity. ([Ciarán Cuffe, Martin Hojsik, Morten Helveg Petersen, Niels Fuglsang and Seán Kelly](#))
- IRENA Global Atlas Upgrade increases understanding of countries' renewable energy potential. ([IRENA](#))
- IEA says golden era ahead for EU energy efficiency industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- Getting consumers to share in cheap renewable electricity? It's possible, if the EU really wants to. ([Monique Goyens](#))
- EEB requirements for European Commission recommendations for member states' NECPs. ([EEB](#))
- Carbon pricing proves resilient, but needs to be accelerated. ([FSR](#))
- In recent years, hydrogen has been transformed into a cornerstone of EU energy policy. Yet oil and gas multinationals abuse the EU's unrealistic targets for green hydrogen to smuggle fossil hydrogen in through the back door. ([CEO](#))
- Lawmakers weaken EU buildings directive after marathon negotiations. ([Euractiv](#))
- Future of reuse systems at stake in vote on key packaging waste law. ([Aline Maigret](#))
- Italy, Belgium, Latvia: Which European countries recycle best and worst? ([Euronews](#))
- The zero-waste city: what Kiel in Germany can teach the world. ([The Guardian](#))
- Paving the way to cleaner nickel. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Geothermal energy and its potential for critical metals extraction - an overview. An [article](#).
- China curbs exports of graphite, a key battery material. ([Euractiv](#))
- E-waste goes to waste - but a new international standard could change that. ([ECOS](#))
- Research shows SUVs emit more climate-damaging gases than older cars. ([The Guardian](#))
- The EU must lead the way in fossil-free transport. ([Stientje van Veldhoven](#))
- EU countries reach agreement on CO₂ standards for trucks after tough discussions ([Council, Euractiv, Transport & Environment](#))
- 7 myths about fuels and electric trucks from the oil and gas industry. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Are electric cars competitive in terms of cost? An income-based analysis of the cost of purchasing and leasing new vehicles for the German market. ([ICCT](#))
- Europe and the US should cooperate with China. Joint climate action can be a win-win. ([Simone Tagliapietra](#))
- Leasing giants decried for weak climate leadership and low ambition for electric cars in EU - new research. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Sustainable mobility in smart cities: a document study of mobility initiatives from medium-sized Scandinavian smart cities. An [article](#).
- Systematic mapping of scientific publications on MaaS. An [article](#).
- European lawmakers call for more EU money in global race for clean technology. ([Transport & Environment, EP](#))
- Social innovation and global citizenship: Guiding principles for a sustainable, equitable and democratic energy transition in cities. An [article](#).
- Why health and well-being should be at the heart of urban planning. ([The Guardian](#))

- A study: EU falls short in tackling health impacts of air pollution. ([Euractiv](#), [Climate and Health Alliance](#))
- Commission proposes measures to reduce microplastic pollution from plastic pellets. ([Commission](#), [The Guardian](#))
- EU abandons promise to ban toxic chemicals in consumer products. ([The Guardian](#))
- Make chemical safety a priority for the EU. ([Giulio Romani](#))
- Council adopts position on new rules for more efficient treatment of urban wastewater. ([Council](#))
- Swiss drinking water is contaminated with 'eternal chemicals', study shows. ([Euronews](#))
- Water, the world's most precious but undervalued resource, is at the root of a growing global crisis that threatens both human and planetary health, warns a new report. ([WWF](#))
- A Green Deal roadmap for universities. ([EUA](#))
- Just a matter of survival. ([IEEP](#))
- EU tries to reduce threat of US tariffs and green subsidies. ([Reuters](#))
- Sustainability due diligence: How to integrate human rights and environmental issues into value chains. A [briefing](#).
- Council discusses inclusion of finance in EU rules on due diligence. ([Euractiv](#), [Global Witness](#))
- Ugandan activists call on EU to work on due diligence legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- European Parliament rejects attempt to scrap European sustainability reporting standards ([WWF](#), [E3G](#))
- Setting the baseline towards transparency. Insights into the first EU taxonomy disclosures. ([KPMG](#))
- The climate-hostile paradigm. ([Euractiv](#))
- Corruption and integrity risks in climate solutions: an emerging global challenge. ([LSE](#))
- Wildfires in the EU: from response to resilience. ([IEEP](#))
- The fate of glyphosate still depends on the EU's undecided vote. ([Euractiv](#), [Commission](#))
- Carbon trading for farmers is back on the table. ([Politico](#))
- EU countries want to scrap national pesticide reduction targets. ([Euractiv](#))
- Impact of CAP outside the EU - a closer look at soya imports and dairy exports. ([Arc2020](#))
- IMF should give poor countries \$300bn a year to fight climate crisis, says Joseph Stiglitz. ([The Guardian](#))
- World Bank approves green reforms, calls for more money. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Africa and India urge rich countries to phase out fossil fuels faster. ([Climate Home News](#))

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Activities

- 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](#)
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- 2023-11-02 | Hybrid | [A net zero emissions future: how to make it a reality](#)
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- 2023-11-07 | [Implementation and usability of the EU Taxonomy: What can the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance do?](#)
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- 2023-11-14 | Online | [Analysing the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive - What are the implications for our forests?](#)
- 2023-11-16 | [The battery passport as an enabler for sustainability and transparency across supply chains](#)
- 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?](#)
- 2023-12-07 | [Symposium Reducing agricultural greenhouse gas emissions & the role of law](#)
- 2024-01-15 – 2024-01-18 | [Belgian Renovation Week: Innovation in Building Renovations](#)

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Commission documents

- 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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