



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

- State of the climate: Global temperatures through mid-2023 shatter records. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- 2023 on track to become the warmest year on record. What's next? ([Copernicus](#))
- Life on Earth 'existentially threatened': climate scientists. ([Euractiv](#), [Article](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Earth is approaching 'tipping points' that will affect our ability to deal with the climate crisis, warns UN. ([The Guardian](#))
- Rapidly melting ice in western Antarctica now inevitable, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- COP28: Businesses urge governments to phase out fossil fuels ([We Mean Business Coalition](#))
- Towards a fossil fuel phase-out agreement at COP28: what leadership role for the EU? ([Alexandra Deprez](#))
- COP28 is a great opportunity to improve global cooperation on adaptation. ([Richard JT Klein](#))
- Why all fossil fuels must rapidly decline to stay below 1.5C. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- In a new report, WWF turns the spotlight on the EU policies most at odds with its climate goals. ([WWF](#), [Euronews](#))
- Is a more transformative approach to climate adaptation emerging in the European Union? ([Tim Rayner](#))
- Fit for 55 climate package: implications for EU employment by 2030. A report. ([Eurofound](#))
- State of the Energy Union 2023: The EU is responding effectively to the crisis, looking to the future and accelerating the green transition. ([Commission](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [WWF](#))

- EU greenhouse gas emissions down last year, but still need accelerated efforts to meet ambitious 2030 targets ([EEA](#))
- Heat waves, droughts and other extreme weather events increasingly influence adaptation policies. ([EEA](#))
- Commission reports on EU policy initiatives to promote investment in clean technologies. ([Commission](#))
- Based on current policies alone, the energy world will change significantly by 2030. The World Energy Outlook. ([IEA](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [Oil Change International](#), [Carbonbrief](#))
- Commission sets out immediate actions to support Europe's wind energy industry. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [WWF](#), [Wind Europe](#), [EEB](#))
- Pro-renewables EU countries call for more support for green energy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Geothermal energy in the EU. A [briefing](#).
- Europe's oldest renewable energy sector wants more EU attention. ([Euractiv](#))
- Data centres brace for new EU energy reporting obligations. ([Euractiv](#))
- New report calls for drastic improvement in Europe's national energy and climate plans. ([CAN Europe](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- The energy transition is creating palpable change and triggering major debates. Taking citizens' voices into account at an early stage of decision-making can support long-term renewable energy and avoid potential backlash. ([Patrick Ten Brink](#))
- Eco-sustainable energy production in healthcare: Trends and challenges in renewable energy systems. An [article](#).
- The EU emissions trading scheme: Method and effects of free allocation of emission allowances. A [study](#).
- Cold houses, hot profits. A report. ([CEO](#))
- European Commission proposes limits on methane emissions from gas imports - document. ([Reuters](#))
- Net zero? It's all about electrification. ([Wind Europe](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- Improving EU electricity market design. A [briefing](#).
- Completing the redesign of the EU electricity market for the benefit of small consumers. ([Thierry Bros](#))
- Gridlock: Why Europe's electricity infrastructure is holding back the green transition. ([Szymon Kardaś](#))
- Updated Strategic Energy Technology Plan for a clean, secure and competitive energy future for Europe. ([Commission](#))
- Shifting half of fossil boiler subsidies to heat pumps could decarbonise heating by 2040, a new report shows. ([EEB](#))
- Packaging: new EU rules to reduce, reuse and recycle. ([EP](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [EEB](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Right to repair: incentives for consumers to repair rather than replace. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [RReuse](#), [Right to Repair](#))
- Demand for electronics rises in Europe, NGOs call for EU action on e-waste ([EEB](#), [META](#))
- New report denounces the limitations of pyrolysis technology, labelled a "miracle" by the industry. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- Unlocking the circular economy with data. ([Metabolic](#))
- Revision of the Waste Framework Directive. A [briefing](#).
- Experts: stockpiling may be EU's blind spot in critical raw materials debate. ([Euractiv](#))
- France prepares large mining inventory in search for critical raw materials. ([Euractiv](#))
- Global companies urge EU parliament to prioritise zero-emission trucks. ([Euractiv](#))

- The European Parliament's environment committee supports CO₂ targets for heavy commercial vehicles, but wants more truck types to be regulated. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Council approves new framework to boost deployment of intelligent transport systems. ([Council](#))
- Transport safety and resilience research and innovation in Europe. A study. ([JRC](#))
- Electric transport: The good, the bad and the ugly. A report. ([EEB](#))
- Electric vehicle fleet management for a Prosumer building with renewable energy generation. An [article](#).
- New EU rules needed to make digital platforms less addictive. ([EP](#))
- New rules lowering asbestos exposure limits adopted. ([Euractiv](#))
- Briefing: The Water Framework Directive, the forgotten tool to solve Europe's water crisis. ([EEB](#))
- Water crisis: NGOs call for new EU law on climate and water resilience. ([WWF](#))
- Chronicle of a predicted water crisis and the Blue Deal. ([Pietro Francesco De Lotto](#))
- Young Europeans stop driving more often and have fewer children to save the planet. ([The Guardian](#))
- Stop locking young people out of legal process in climate cases, say experts. ([The Guardian](#))
- Securing future-fit jobs in the green transformation. A report. ([ZOE Institute](#))
- German minister Habeck calls for 'Zeitenwende' for industrial subsidies. ([Euractiv](#))
- 'We have a real problem': European industry fears decline. ([Euractiv](#))
- Industry committee loses focus on Net Zero Industry Act. ([WWF](#))
- Call for EU Clean Industrial Deal and urgent action to keep Europe in the race for clean technology. ([Eurofer](#))
- Just and robust transitions to net zero: a framework for national policy. ([LSE](#))
- Court of Auditors: Overall performance of EU recovery fund cannot be properly measured. ([ECA](#))
- EU lawmakers back ESRS. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- European green bonds: Council adopts new regulation to promote sustainable financing. ([Council](#))
- The spillover effects of the EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy on international classification mechanisms for sustainable economic activities. ([Bellona](#))
- European Parliament approves improvement of carbon removal certification framework (CRCF). ([Carbon Market Watch](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Why biodiversity is about to become mainstream in ESG investing. ([Reuters](#))
- How can cities support pollinators while adapting to climate change? ([IEEP](#))
- Emerging threats and opportunities for managed bee species in European farming systems: a horizon scan. An [article](#).
- Pesticides: MEPs want a drastic reduction in the use of chemical pesticides. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [PAN](#), [IFOAM](#), [Arc2020](#))
- Lobby groups fought 'hard and nasty' against EU ban on caged farm animals. ([The Guardian](#))
- 'Deep divide' between rich and poor countries causes failure meeting loss and damage fund. ([Euronews](#))
- Small islands struggle to get help from Green Climate Fund. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Recurring patterns of interconnections between SDGs and how they can advance the 2030 Agenda. ([SEI](#))

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Activities

- 2023-10-30 | [Carbon Removal Certification Framework: What is next?](#)
- 2023-10-31 | Online | [Financing Green Cooling – Opportunities for Financial Institutions](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-11-09 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #8: Access to justice in environmental matters at EU level](#)
- 2023-11-09 | Hybrid | [10 policy choices for a Renewed Social Contract for Europe](#)
- 2023-11-13 | [The Future of EU Public Finances](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-11-16 | Online | [Hydrogen emissions - What implications for the green transition?](#)
- 2023-11-21 | [Studiedag EU Green Deal](#)
- 2023-11-22 | Hybrid | [Stakeholder-driven energy scenarios for a just transition: Dialogue with the scientific community](#)
- 2023-11-22 | Online | [Our fragile moment: how lessons from Earth's past can help us survive the climate crisis](#)
- 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?](#)
- 2023-11-30 | [Organics Europe Meets Business 2023](#)
- 2023-12-05 | Hybrid | [Road to Net Zero: Standards for the All-Electric Society](#)
- 2023-12-05 – 2023-12-06 | [OSH Conference 2023 - Incoming challenges ahead: Climate Change & Green Transition](#)
- 2023-12-07 | [Symposium Reducing agricultural greenhouse gas emissions & the role of law](#)
- 2023-12-14 | [Sharing Summit. Van koopkracht naar deelkracht.](#)
- 2024-01-15 – 2024-01-18 | [Belgian Renovation Week: Innovation in Building Renovations](#)

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Commission documents

- 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 | [Action plan to facilitate grids roll-out](#)



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