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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 2024](#).

Current affairs

- COP28 will take place from 30 November to 12 December. ([UNFCCC](#), [UAE](#), [ENB](#)). Comments on COP28: [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euronews](#), [EP](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [ECFR](#)
- October 2023 - Exceptional temperature anomalies; 2023 will almost certainly be the warmest year on record. ([Copernicus](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Politicians delaying climate action must live with consequences, says WHO expert. ([The Guardian](#))
- Europe's climate laws need a guardian angel. ([Euractiv](#))
- Why AI and energy are the new power couple. ([IEA](#))
- Extreme weather drives global wine production to lowest level in more than 60 years. ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate change: Intensity of persistent drought in Syria, Iraq and Iran 'not rare anymore'. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Review of fluorinated greenhouse gases regulation: 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- Patents for offshore wind energy on the rise, new research by IRENA and EPO shows. ([IRENA](#))
- Berlin presents first European rules for financing hydrogen networks. ([Euractiv](#))
- The OECD should seize its chance to stop funding oil and gas. ([Sandrine Dixson-Decleve](#))

- The Production Gap Report 2023: phase out or step up? Top fossil fuel producers plan even more extraction despite climate pledges. ([SEI](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [E3G](#), [Oil Change International](#))
- Social guarantees are the cornerstone of a bold and fair buildings directive. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Drinks firms face EU-wide complaint over plastic bottle recycling claims. ([The Guardian](#), [BEUC](#), [Reuters](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- FAQ packaging regulation. A briefing. ([EEB](#))
- Negotiations on a global plastics treaty continue in Nairobi. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#), [CEO](#))
- EU-Mercosur deal boosts plastics trade, a setback for the global plastics treaty. ([Greenpeace](#))
- The price is not right. The unfair reality of spare parts. ([Right to Repair](#))
- EU prepares new recycling targets for permanent magnets in white goods and wind turbines. ([Euractiv](#))
- Trashy techs: Europe's dirty secret of destroying unsold electronics. ([META](#))
- Consumer engagement and perspectives on sustainable textile consumption. An [article](#).
- Mission critical: Europe looks to new suppliers in geopolitical race for metals. ([Investigate Europe](#))
- How the EU boosts mining and defence industries in the name of climate action. ([CEO](#))
- 'Nothing will be the same again': locals on Europe's new mining frontiers. ([Investigate Europe](#))
- EU law on critical raw materials does not protect Sámi rights - so we can strengthen the law. ([Kaisa Raitio and Rasmus Kløcker Larsen](#))
- Car manufacturers raise small car prices well above inflation. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Europe needs to democratise the electric car for the 80%. ([Monique Goyens and William Todts](#))
- EU parliament votes to weaken new 'Euro 7' limits on vehicle pollution. ([The Guardian](#), [EP](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Biofuels and e-fuels in trucks will make it harder for aviation and shipping to go green. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Commission adopts new proposal on combining modes of transport for more sustainable freight transport. ([Commission](#))
- Train travel to work: which companies are paving the way for sustainable business travel? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Priorities for public spending on net-zero aviation. A report. ([ICCT](#))
- How 120 of the world's biggest cities can cut carbon emissions from transport by 22%. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Environmental and energy performance of integrated passenger and freight transport. An [article](#).
- Report: gas cookers emit toxic particles linked to asthma in children. ([The Guardian](#))
- Member states plan to undermine proposed air quality legislation, civil society organisations warn. ([ClientEarth](#), [Raad](#), [EEB](#))
- Investing in green industry can help maintain sustainability momentum in Europe. A briefing. ([EEA](#))
- Principles for an ambitious EU green industry strategy. ([CLG](#))
- Net zero industry act. A [briefing](#).
- Companies fall short of implementing green agendas: report. ([Euractiv](#))
- Socially just and environmentally sustainable economic governance of the EU? - An expert paper. ([Solidar](#))
- The need for reform of EU economic governance. ([Isabelle Brachet](#))
- New rules for economic governance. A [briefing](#).

- Divided EU finance ministers discuss budget rules as deadline approaches. ([Euractiv](#), [Sebastian Mang](#))
- Spanish presidency considers excluding finance from due diligence rules. ([Euractiv](#))
- Joint call for effective environmental protection in Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive. ([EEB](#))
- EU companies involved in more than 100 of the world's largest fossil fuel extraction projects: Urgent call for binding climate due diligence. ([CAN Europe](#))
- This activist, jailed for his defence, pins his hopes on the EU's due diligence law. ([Euractiv](#))
- European Commission proposes additional rationalisation of reporting obligations for companies in Commission work programme for 2024. ([Oxford Business Law Blog](#))
- Considering climate change in sovereign debt. ([PRI](#))
- After long negotiations, an agreement on the Nature Restoration Act was reached in the trilogue on Thursday 9 November. ([WWF](#), [BirdLife](#), [IEEP](#), [EP](#), [Council](#), [Commission](#), [Euronews](#), [DW](#), [BirdLife](#), [Arc2020](#))
- Research says number of species threatened with extinction doubles to 2 million. ([The Guardian](#))
- 30x30 biodiversity gains depend on national coordination. ([Nature](#))
- Indonesia, Malaysia demand more time to implement EU law against deforestation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Opportunities and constraints for nature-based solutions in EU policy - reviewed with focus on ponds and pond landscapes. An [article](#).
- REDD+ FAQ: Explaining the ins and outs of forestry climate projects. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- There is an urgent need to consider how best to use biomass in Europe. ([EEA](#))
- Scientists say microplastic-eating plankton could worsen ocean crisis. ([The Guardian](#))
- EU sticks to strategy to stem nutrient loss. ([Euractiv](#))
- Dependence on fossil fuels also affects food production, warns research. ([Euractiv](#))
- Forever chemicals: New report claims PFAS in pesticides sprayed on fields and food. ([Euronews](#), [PAN](#))
- Plastic waste 'out of control' in Africa, analysis shows. ([The Guardian](#))

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Activities

- 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?](#)
- 2023-11-15 | [The role of state aid in the transition to a net-zero industry](#)
- 2023-11-15 | [Wind Power Action Plan - Winds of change?](#)
- 2023-11-15 | Online | [The State of Climate Action in 2023](#)
- 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?](#)
- 2023-11-16 | Online | [What does justice mean for the energy transition and how do we achieve it?](#)
- 2023-11-17 | Online | [Post-pandemic transformations and the re-casting of development](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-11-30 | [Are European automotive jobs resilient in the global electromobility race?](#)
- 2023-11-30 – 2023-12-12 | COP28, [UNFCCC](#), [UAE](#), [ENB](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-12-12 | [Strengthening the social dimension of the European Green Deal](#)
- 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 | [Passenger 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](#)
- 2023-12-06 | [Protection of animals during transport – revision of EU legislation](#)



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