The European Green Deal
We want to reconcile our economy with our planet, and make it work for our people.

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

- COP28 will take place from 30 November to 12 December. (UNFCCC, UAE, ENB). Comments on COP28: Euronews, Amnesty International, Commission, Euronews, The Guardian, The Guardian, EP Briefing, Euronews, The Guardian, ClientEarth, IPES Food, Climate Home News, Climate Home News.
- 2023 on track to become warmest year after record October. (Copernicus)
- A 2°C warming would lead to a 'catastrophic' loss of global ice, a new report says. (CarbonBrief)
- Global warming gases reach record high, according to UN. (The Guardian, WMO)
- Research shows the world is behind on almost every policy needed to reduce carbon emissions. (The Guardian, New Climate Institute)
- Three decades of EU climate policy: Racing towards climate neutrality? (GreenDeal-NET)
- EU now has 9,000+ "energy communities": smart, decentralised, flexible generation and consumption. (Luca Arfini)
- Commission prepares 'trade instruments' to protect EU's struggling wind industry. (Euractiv)
- European wind turbine production is indispensable for energy security and competitive electricity prices. (Wind Europe)
- Clean technologies are driving job growth in the energy sector, but skills shortages are a growing problem. (IEA)
- New research on solar power: 50% of global power supply by 2050, even without more ambitious climate policies. (EnergyPost)

- Solar power could power all healthcare facilities in poorer countries and save lives, experts say. ([The Guardian](#))
- Faster innovation is needed to achieve net zero emissions, but we have already come a long way. ([IEA](#))
- Negotiators reach agreement on first-ever EU law to tackle methane leakage. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Sabina Assan](#), [The Guardian](#), [Commissie](#), [Reuters](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Council](#))
- Policy considerations for the mid-term review of the EU green deal. An [article](#).
- The reformed EU ETS is helping a Belgian port achieve faster decarbonisation. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- EU carbon prices are a sign of credible policies and forward-looking actors. An [article](#).
- EU must do more to build carbon removal market. ([Euractiv](#))
- Deep issues: The risks of offshore carbon capture and storage. ([CIEL](#))
- Legal limits on the use of carbon removal. ([Science](#), [Phys](#))
- Germany backs €20bn bid to build hydrogen pipeline network. ([Euractiv](#))
- Cost vs resilience: Europe's sourcing strategy will shape regional hydrogen economy. ([EnergyPost](#))
- Time to end fossil winters. ([CAN Europe](#))
- For a real ban on disconnecting electricity. ([Sarah Coupechoux](#))
- Will the EU's Buildings Directive benefit low-income families? ([Louise Sunderland](#))
- The life cycle and value capture impact of circular business models in the built environment. An [article](#).
- In UN talks for a global plastics treaty, delegates battle over production limits. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- 'We cannot go on': the godfather of microplastics on how to stop them. ([The Guardian](#))
- Microplastics in clouds could affect Earth's weather and temperature. ([The Guardian](#))
- Agreement on tougher EU rules on waste shipments. ([EP](#), [Council](#))
- Revision of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive. A [briefing](#).
- Right to repair: Strengthened consumer rights. A [briefing](#).
- Circular bioeconomy for the future we want. ([Janez Potočnik](#))
- EU strategic partnerships for a resilient and sustainable supply of raw materials. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EU agrees mineral supply targets to reduce dependence on China. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [Council](#), [Commission](#))
- EU needs to get certification schemes for critical raw materials right. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EU critical raw materials law: Civil society organisations demand higher environmental standards, protection of indigenous rights and demand reduction targets. ([EEB](#))
- Dirty deals in clean energy - the EU's worst nightmare. ([Euractiv](#))
- Fear of 'greenwashing' plagues mining audit industry. ([Investigate Europe](#))
- Norway hesitates to ban deep-sea mining in Arctic despite French pressure. ([Euractiv](#))
- Understanding the relationship between institutional pressures, supply chain integration and adoption of circular economy practices. An [article](#).
- Implementing circular economy in operations & supply chain management: Building a path to business transformation. An [article](#).
- Alternative fuels proposal threatens ambitious emissions standards for trucks. ([Eamonn Mulholland](#))
- CO_2 emissions standards and reporting requirements for new heavy-duty vehicles. A [briefing](#).

- A comparison of the total cost of ownership of pathways for decarbonising trucks in Europe. (ICCT)
- Revision of the directive on weights and dimensions. A briefing.
- Leasing companies: Profits up 60% in five years, but electrification slow. (Transport & Environment)
- Maximum permitted weights and dimensions for certain road vehicles. A briefing.
- Dutch government scraps plan to reduce flights at Schiphol after international pressure (Euronews)
- EU Commission urged to support Europe's 'renaissance' of night trains (Euractiv)
- Pollution from ships: tougher measures to stop illegal discharges. (EP)
- 'Paying in lives': health of billions at risk from global warming, warns report. (The Guardian, The Guardian, The Lancet, CarbonBrief, Euractiv)
- EU reaches agreement on new 'ecocide' rules to jail polluters. (Euractiv, WWF, EP, Council, Commission)
- The political economy of saving the planet. An article.
- Guardians of the treaties or negligent custodians: Shortcomings in EU environmental governance. (META)
- Courts, climate disputes and the evolution of Earth system law. An article.
- Free online course on the European Green Deal. (GreenDeal-net)
- Poorer EU regions look to citizens to fund green transition. (Euractiv)
- Engagement for just transition policies: a blueprint. (LSE)
- What Europe needs in the race for tomorrow's industry. (META)
- Green and private investor groups call for ambitious ESG regulation EU. (Transport & Environment)
- EU ambassadors discuss possible exemption from due diligence rules for the financial sector. (Euractiv)
- Time to close gap allowing EU companies to fuel climate crisis. (Uku Lilleväli)
- Low-carbon allocation in monetary policy implementation. A study.
- Reactions to the political agreement on the Nature Restoration Law: Euractiv, Euronews, Jutta Paulus, EEB, CAN Europe, WWF, IFOAM.
- The evolution of sustainable development in the voluntary carbon market. (Carbon Market Watch)
- Nature-based solutions play crucial role in building Europe's climate resilience. (EEA)
- Let forests age to store huge amount of carbon - research. (The Guardian)
- EU called on to put economic weight behind Arctic conservation. (Euractiv)
- No qualified majority of member states to renew or reject glyphosate approval. (Politico, Euractiv, Greenpeace, Commission, Arc2020)
- Applying the polluter pays principle: an emissions trading system for agriculture. (IEEP)
- The policy paradoxes of underutilised crops. (Arc2020)
- EU's billion-dollar investment in fish farming has not paid off, warn EU auditors. (Euractiv, ECA)
- Data shows rich countries are two years late in reaching their $100bn climate finance target. (The Guardian)
- Deal to resettle climate-affected Tuvalu residents shows world 'what's at stake', say European officials. (The Guardian, Climate Home News)
- Report on stakeholder consultation on the implementation of selected aspects of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). A study.

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Activities

- 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
- 2023-11-23 | Online | Accelerating permitting, staffing, and skilling in solar cities and regions
- 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.
- 2023-12-14 | Online | EIOPA's 7th Sustainable Finance Conference
- 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 | Response to the European citizens' initiative: 'Fur Free Europe'

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