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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: [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Amnesty International](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [CEO](#), [Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [CAN Europe](#), [New Climate Institute](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [SEI](#), [CEO](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [Politico](#), [Adam Tooze](#), [Amnesty International](#).
- World faces 'hellish' 3°C climate warming, UN warns ahead of COP28 ([The Guardian](#), [UNEP](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [New Climate Institute](#), [WWF](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- World temperature exceeded 2°C above pre-industrial average on 17 November. ([Copernicus](#))
- 2022 was the second worst year for forest fires, a warning of a changing climate. ([Commission](#))
- Report says richest 1% account for more carbon emissions than poorest 66%. ([The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Oxfam](#), [SEI](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Solidar](#))
- Companies still over-invest in fossil fuels, says global energy watchdog. ([The Guardian](#), [IEA](#))
- Climate-proofing Europe. ([Fatih Birol](#), [Werner Hoyer](#) and [Christine Lagarde](#))
- Council and EP take position on EU framework for certification of carbon removal. ([Council](#), [EP](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [Euractiv](#))
- EU climate architecture 2040: Targets and framework options. A report. ([Ecologic](#))
- Transformative procedural climate governance. A report. ([Ecologic](#))

- Measures to combat the energy crisis: targeted climate policies and trade-offs. A report. ([ETUI](#))
- Benchmarks for wind and solar energy for a 1.5°C world. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- North Sea energy ministers approve wind energy package. ([WindEurope](#))
- Scientists reiterate concerns over global warming hydrogen leaks. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU biomethane target of 35 bcm 'unrealistic', say campaigners. ([Euractiv](#))
- The climate risk of including feed crops in the EU gas package biomethane target. ([ICCT](#))
- Embodied carbon emissions from buildings and how to tame them. An [article](#).
- European buildings are not on the path to climate neutrality. ([Oliver Rapf](#))
- EU climate tracker for buildings: A call for faster and bolder action. A report. ([BPIE](#))
- 'You can walk around in a T-shirt': how Norway took heat pumps out of the cold. ([The Guardian](#))
- EU, Germany and Denmark sued by oil company over windfall tax. ([The Guardian](#))
- Energy Charter Treaty: failed reform puts pressure on remaining members to withdraw. ([E3G](#))
- MEPs denounce lobby for packaging waste regulation as breach of 'Qatargate' rules. ([Euractiv](#))
- Parliament votes to weaken EU packaging waste legislation. ([Euractiv](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#), [Euronews](#), [Nathan Canas](#))
- UN plastic treaty talks struggle with debate on reuse, recycle, reduce. ([Euractiv](#))
- Plastics treaty text must put ecosystems at centre. ([Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki et al.](#))
- A global treaty on plastics requires scientific guidance. ([Chatham House](#))
- Single-use fast-food packaging is hanging by a thread. ([Politico](#))
- Scaling up reusable packaging: a recycling revolution to tackle the plastic pollution crisis. ([Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- EU parliament approves Right to Repair law with broad support. ([Euractiv](#), [BEUC](#), [Right to Repair](#))
- Council takes position on a directive enshrining Right to Repair. ([Council](#))
- New EU rules encourage consumers to repair rather than replace appliances. ([EP](#), [Right to Repair](#), [BEUC](#), [EEB](#))
- Waste from electrical and electronic equipment: Council and Parliament agree on deal to align with Court ruling. ([Council](#))
- Transition to global circular economies: Waste batteries and extended producer responsibility. ([CEPR](#))
- Scaling up the transition: The role of corporate governance mechanisms in promoting circular economy strategies. An [article](#).
- The circular economy in European Union policy: Explaining the success of an idea through policy learning. An [article](#).
- EU parliament agrees position on reducing CO₂ emissions from trucks. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Leasing sector may flood used car market with electric cars ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Leasing companies need to step up their climate ambitions and become true green leaders. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Better use of rail infrastructure capacity. A [briefing](#).
- Shipowners challenge inclusion of green fuels in CO₂ standards for trucks. ([Euractiv](#))
- Air pollution still too high across Europe - remains the biggest environmental health risk. ([EEA](#))
- Towards a ban on PVC, the toxic plastic in our daily lives. ([META](#))
- Banning PFAS: is the Commission still committed? ([META](#))

- The European Parliament voted on the Net Zero Law for industry. ([WWF](#), [Euractiv](#), [WindEurope](#), [EP](#), [WWF](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [ETUC](#), [EEB](#))
- Cleantech gap looming in Europe. ([Ciarán Humphreys](#))
- 'No going back' on green agenda, says former EU top negotiator. ([Politico](#))
- Council adopts conclusions on social, green and digital transition. ([Council](#))
- Green jobs: from challenge to opportunity. ([Social Europe](#))
- Improving territorial justice. ([FEPS](#))
- Proposal for a ban on goods made with forced labour. A [briefing](#).
- Commission sets key priorities in European Semester for coming year to strengthen EU competitiveness. ([Commission](#))
- EU countries unite to exempt banks from new green and human rights rules. ([Politico](#))
- ECB threatens banks with fines over climate risk failings. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Time to get it right: Reform of EU budget rules threatens to go wrong. ([EEB](#))
- Climate change and monetary policy: Risks, tools & opportunities. A [briefing](#).
- Net zero in practice: Insights from equity investors. A report. ([PRI](#))
- Restoring forests can boost global carbon sequestration, major research shows. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission proposes comprehensive monitoring to improve resilience of European forests. ([Commission](#), [WWF](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Biodiversity mainstreaming in policy - Are the numbers right? An [article](#).
- This is how biodiversity loss affects medicine and human health. ([WEF](#))
- Why solving the question of how land-based emissions are counted is crucial to tracking climate progress. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- European Parliament scraps mangled EU plan to reduce pesticides. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [EP](#), [PAN](#), [FoEE](#), [BirdLife](#), [CEO](#), [Arc2020](#))
- Sustainable use of plant protection products. A [briefing](#).
- How industry is trying to influence EU law to reduce pesticide use. ([CEO](#))
- Beyond the Farm to Fork strategy: Methodology for designing a European agroecological future. An [article](#).
- Report on CAP for 2023-2027 highlights shift towards sustainable EU agricultural model. ([Commission](#))
- Heatwave Madagascar 'virtually impossible' without man-made global warming. ([The Guardian](#))
- The Green Climate Fund and private sector climate finance in the South. An [article](#).
- Climate finance: Council approves figures international climate finance 2022. ([Council](#))

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Activities

- 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](#)
- 2023-11-29 | [European Healthcare Climate Summit 2023](#)
- 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 | Online | [#EUCircularTalks: Waste Framework Directive – Paving the way for a circular Textiles Industry](#)
- 2023-12-05 – 2023-12-06 | [OSH Conference 2023 - Incoming challenges ahead: Climate Change & Green Transition](#)
- 2023-12-05 – 2023-12-07 | Hybrid | [Shaping EU Climate and Energy Policy](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-12-12 | Online | [Decarbonising shipping – What role can climate labels play?](#)
- 2023-12-13 | Webinar | [Integrating climate and nature action: Unlocking the biodiversity-climate nexus](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-03-19 – 2023-03-20 | [CEPR-NBB Joint Research Workshop on Reaching Net-Zero: Electricity Markets, Carbon Pricing, and Firms' Responses](#)

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Commission documents

- 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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