



## 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](#), [The Guardian](#)). Comments on COP28: [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [UN Network on Migration](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Nathan Oxley and Amber Huff](#), [Amnesty International](#), [Green Central Banking](#), [E3G](#), [E3G](#), [SEI](#), [LSE](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Triodos](#), [Amnesty International](#), [WWF](#), [IUCN](#), [Reuters](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio and Mattias Söderberg](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Rachel Ruto and Liesbet Steer](#), [Ban Ki-moon and Graça Machel](#), [George Monbiot](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [WBCSD](#), [CIEL](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CEO](#), [Adam Tooze](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Laurence Tubiana and Richard Baron](#), [Caroline Chebet and Tim Concannon](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Susi Dennison](#), [EIB](#), [C40](#), [WWF](#), [Finance Watch](#), [Commission](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [IEA](#), [Greenpeace](#), [LSE](#), [LSE](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#).
- 2023 shatters climate records, with major consequences. ([WMO](#))
- Powering Europe's future - A blueprint for a 100% renewable and resilient infrastructure. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive: 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).

- Latest update on clean energy technology production shows mixed outlook for key technologies. ([IEA](#))
- Strong policy progress on energy efficiency by 2023, but faster action is needed to meet climate targets. ([IEA](#))
- Yes, in my backyard: winning hearts for renewables. ([META](#))
- How to get renewables right. ([Euractiv](#))
- Accelerated energy transition could create 40 million jobs in the energy sector by 2050. ([IRENA](#))
- Energy transition in the EU. A [briefing](#).
- More than 420 European organisations warn of irresponsible trade defence measures for solar products. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- Energy transition: more ambition needed from EU27. ([Chiara Martinelli](#))
- Electricity market reform needs to rethink energy efficiency for the renewables era. ([Sofie Irgens](#))
- Europe's electricity grid is under a deluge of cyber attacks, industry warns. ([Politico](#))
- Call for action plan for future-proof grids. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Commission unveils 'action plan' to roll out electricity grid faster. ([Euractiv](#), [WindEurope](#), [Commission](#))
- €800m to give market a jolt: Activate Europe's hydrogen boosters. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU approves new rules for hydrogen infrastructure investment. ([Euractiv](#), [Council](#), [Greenpeace](#), [EP](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Commission proposes 166 cross-border energy projects for EU support to help deliver European Green Deal. ([Commission](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Global Witness](#))
- High costs, low profitability and storage challenges: Is carbon capture a realistic climate solution? ([Euronews](#))
- The public failure of carbon capture. ([Oil Change International](#))
- EU climate target and framework for 2040: The role of carbon capture. ([Ecologic Institute](#))
- War in Ukraine has heralded a turning point in Europe's gas consumption, says IEA. ([The Guardian](#))
- Carbon market's one-percenters spew out the lion's share of emissions. ([CEO](#))
- European universities accept €260 million in fossil fuel funding. ([Investigate Europe](#))
- NGOs call for ambitious national building renovation plans. ([CAN Europe](#))
- The economic losses of energy-efficient renovation of older homes in Germany: The scale of the problem and the financial challenge it poses. An [article](#).
- EU-US agreement on critical minerals: Building stronger supply chains together. A [briefing](#).
- How problematic is mineral extraction for electric cars? ([The Guardian](#))
- International action on plastics is slow, but the opportunity is still there. ([ECOS](#))
- SMEs towards a circular economy: insights from a multi-perspective study. An [article](#).
- How Europe can unlock the huge potential of 'batteries on wheels'. ([William Todts](#))
- Circularity requirements for vehicle design and management of end-of-life vehicles. A [briefing](#).
- Tax policy for new passenger cars in Europe: implications for the competitiveness of electric cars. An [article](#).
- EU Parliament support for renewable fuel trucks leads to controversy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Engine emissions could have dropped by more than 30% without SUV trend, says report. ([The Guardian](#))
- Car regions in transition. A [briefing](#).
- A lethal US import comes to Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Companies must lead the shift from air to rail. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The quest for a single European rail app. ([Transport & Environment](#))

- EU can better protect passengers and their rights. ([BEUC](#))
- Sustainable maritime fuels - 'Fit for 55' package: the FuelEU Maritime proposal. A [briefing](#).
- ReFuelEU aviation initiative: sustainable aviation fuels and the 'Fit for 55' package. A [briefing](#).
- Industrial emissions: Council and Parliament agree on new rules to reduce harmful emissions from industry and improve public access to information. ([Council](#), [EP](#), [Commission](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#), [EEB](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Revealed: how a research group set up by BP, Shell and ExxonMobil undermined European laws designed to protect people from cancer risks. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Toxic air killed more than 500,000 people in EU by 2021, data shows. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Air pollution from fossil fuels 'kills 5 million people a year'. ([The Guardian](#))
- ECHA report confirms need for regulation of PVC and PVC additives. ([EEB](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#))
- Green ads confusing according to new consumer research - EU rules needed. ([BEUC](#))
- Climate justice in an ageing world. A report. ([SEI](#))
- Business and just transition in Europe: how public policy can stimulate private action. ([LSE](#))
- Myth of the near future? Assessing the potential of the European Green Deal to become a political myth for the European Union. An [article](#).
- EU lawmakers have agreed on a new directive to protect the environment through criminal law. ([IEEP](#))
- Transparency and integrity of environmental, social and governance assessment activities. A [briefing](#).
- How to turn ESG ratings into true sustainability indicators. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Plea for the promotion of European sustainability reporting standards. ([Fabiola Schneider](#))
- Exploring the reasons for impact materiality in corporate sustainability reporting in the EU. An [article](#).
- Transition investing: key challenges and opportunities. A report. ([Better Finance](#))
- The rise and fall of EU Taxonomy: Lessons in implementing sustainability accounting and accountability. An [article](#).
- On 29 November, the EP environment committee voted on the Nature Restoration Act. ([WWF](#), [BirdLife](#), [EEB](#), [Arc2020](#), [Greenpeace](#), [WWF](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- EU nature restoration regulation: Binding targets for healthy ecosystems. A [briefing](#).
- 10 ways the climate crisis and nature loss are linked. ([The Guardian](#))
- 'A biodiversity catastrophe': what the world could look like by 2050 - if we do nothing now. ([The Guardian](#))
- From planting trees to 'sponge cities': why nature-based solutions are crucial to fighting the climate crisis. ([The Guardian](#))
- France wants to set aside 10% of its territory to protect biodiversity. ([Euractiv](#))
- Warming, acidification, declining oxygen levels threaten Europe's seas. ([EEA](#))
- Forests, foreign policy and trade. A report. ([CEPS](#))
- EU gives factory farms a free pass to pollute. ([Greenpeace](#))
- EU revealed as hub for 'cruel' transport of live animals amid fears of disease. ([The Guardian](#))
- No ban on live cattle exports to non-EU countries in review of animal welfare laws. ([Arc2020](#))
- Nutrient overkill: we need to talk about intensive livestock farming. ([META](#))
- International climate finance: Status quo, challenges and policy perspectives. A [briefing](#).
- New report on global climate finance. ([Sustainable Finance Lab](#))
- Climate finance and geopolitics: The China–US factor. ([SIPRI](#))
- Trade and sustainable development in EU free trade agreements. A [briefing](#).

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## Activities

- 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](#)
- 2023-12-06 | Online | [Reimagining NDCs: Unlocking the potential of sustainable lifestyles](#)
- 2023-12-07 | [Symposium Reducing agricultural greenhouse gas emissions & the role of law](#)
- 2023-12-07 | Online | [Environmental Law Lecture #9: Access to justice in environmental matters before national courts](#)
- 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](#)
- 2023-12-14 | Webinar | [Open strategic autonomy](#)
- 2023-12-21 | [Implementing green budgeting in Belgium. What does it mean?](#)
- 2024-01-15 – 2024-01-18 | [Belgian Renovation Week: Innovation in Building Renovations](#)
- 2024-02-10 | Online | [The future of EU forests – A new EU Framework for Forest Monitoring and Strategic Plans](#)
- 2024-02-19 – 2023-02-10 | [Climate Extremes, Causes and Consequences](#)
- 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

- 2023-12-06 | [Protection of animals during transport – revision of EU legislation](#) | [Response to the European citizens' initiative: 'Fur Free Europe'](#)



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