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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 took place from 30 November to 12 December. ([UNFCCC](#), [UAE](#), [ENB](#), [The Guardian](#)). Comments on COP28: [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [CLG](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [IEEP](#), [European Youth Forum](#), [IEA](#), [Oil Change International](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Oxfam](#), [Hans Stegeman](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [E3G](#), [New Climate Institute](#), [Euronews](#), [Vanessa Nakate](#), [The Guardian](#), [George Monbiot](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#). Following the agreement reached at the COP: [UNFCCC](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Commission](#), [Politico](#), [EP](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [WWF](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [LSE](#), [Oil Change International](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Asad Rehman](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Industrial](#), [Global Witness](#), [CIEL](#), [CEW](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [E3G](#), [SEI](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [ITUC](#), [ETUC](#).
- What happens if the 1.5°C global warming target is not met? ([The Guardian](#))
- Interactive: The paths to meeting the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- We have 'lost' 19 years in the fight against global warming since the Paris Agreement. ([Copernicus](#))
- Tripling renewable energy is key to meeting climate targets. ([IRENA](#))

- New report: EU solar power reaches record 56 GW by 2023, but warns of clouds on the horizon. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- EIB delivers its share of wind energy package with wind power generation counter-guarantees. ([WindEurope](#))
- European heat pump sales are collapsing. ([Euractiv](#))
- NECPs: a bumpy road to climate neutrality. ([META](#))
- Electricity market: agreement on protecting consumers from sudden price shocks. ([EP](#), [Council](#), [Commission](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WindEurope](#))
- Green Deal: agreement on reform of EU governance gas and hydrogen market. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Council](#), [Commission](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Risky business? The evaluation of hydrogen partnerships between Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium. An [article](#).
- IRENA-WTO report highlights role of trade in developing green hydrogen markets. ([IRENA](#))
- Gulliver unchained? Europe's changing relations with oil and gas producers. ([Egmont](#))
- The EU and the UK are backing the wrong horse in the race to net zero. ([Mary S. Booth and Elsie Blackshaw-Crosby](#))
- What past failures tell us about Europe's green steel ambitions. ([Julia Poliscanova](#))
- Further reactions to the political agreement on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD): [Peter Sweatman](#), [The Guardian](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [BEUC](#), [EEB](#).
- Circular construction products: Council and Parliament reach preliminary agreement. ([Council](#), [EEB](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Critical raw materials: MEPs approve plans to secure EU supplies and sovereignty. ([EP](#), [EEB](#), [EEB](#))
- Designing a circular economy in a strong sustainability paradigm. An [article](#).
- Inclusive circularity: Creating decent and fair jobs in the EU. A report. ([CLG](#))
- Unlocking the potential of circular consumption. An [article](#).
- Circular solutions, community revolutions: The social impact of circularity. ([WEF](#))
- The future of repair - EU regulations for phones and tablets debunked. ([Right to Repair](#))
- Ship ahoy: NGOs welcome new law restricting waste exports. ([META](#))
- CO₂ emissions standards and reporting requirements for new heavy-duty vehicles. A [briefing](#).
- Calculation of greenhouse gas emissions from transport services. A [briefing](#).
- Weakened EU standards on vehicle emissions could lead to €100 billion in health and environmental damage. ([Euronews](#))
- EU 'driving without a map' with biofuels policy, auditors find. ([Euractiv](#), [ECA](#))
- 80% of Europe's 'used' cooking oil is now imported, raising concerns about fraud - investigation. ([Transport & Environment](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Charities and NGOs say aviation sector should pay to produce sustainable jet fuel ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The environmental challenges of long-haul transport in Europe: prospects for the 2020s. An [article](#).
- EU should be wary of calls for 'regulatory pause' in transport sector. ([Monique Goyens](#))
- Platform work: agreement on new rules on labour status. ([EP](#), [Council](#), [Commission Politico](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Revision of the ozone regulation. A [briefing](#).
- Millions of green jobs are open to people with the right skills. The problem is that many do not have them. ([Euronews](#))
- Contemporary climate activism and EU climate policy: Civic engagement as public participation. ([GreenDeal-NET](#))

- Agreement on new rules on due diligence was reached on Wednesday 13 December. ([Oxfam](#), [EP](#), [DW](#), [Council](#), [Commission](#), [WWF](#), [Global Witness](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Eurosif](#), [ESG Today](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Just Style](#), [GRI](#), [Fairtrade International](#), [ETUC](#), [ECCJ](#))
- EU Parliament economic committee approves position on reform of fiscal rules. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#))
- There was a meeting of the [European Council](#) on 14 and 15 December. This included a discussion on fiscal rules. ([Briefing](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- European Council conclusions: A rolling checklist of commitments to date. A [study](#).
- The EU climate and energy framework in the light of the Aarhus Convention: Assessing democratic environmental rights in the governance regulation. ([GreenDeal-NET](#))
- Putting human rights at the heart of economic transition. ([PRI](#))
- Pesticide use negatively affects bumblebees in European landscapes. An [article](#).
- Quarter of the world's freshwater fish threatened with extinction, according to research. ([The Guardian](#), [WWF](#))
- Biosphere Security: Understanding the links between conflict and biodiversity. ([SIPRI](#))
- One year on Global Biodiversity Framework set to allow more biodiversity loss. ([FIAN](#))
- EU ministers determined to move forward on pesticide legislation despite uncertainty. ([Euractiv](#), [Arc2020](#))

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Activities

- 2023-12-19 | Online | [COP28: What happened and where do we go from here?](#)
- 2023-12-19 | Online | [Online dialogue: COP28 post-match analysis](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-01-25 | Hybrid | [It's in the news: we're decarbonising!](#)
- 2024-02-08 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #10: Strengthening EU Environmental Law](#)
- 2024-02-10 | Online | [The future of EU forests – A new EU Framework for Forest Monitoring and Strategic Plans](#)
- 2024-02-19 – 2023-02-20 | [Climate Extremes, Causes and Consequences](#)
- 2024-02-21 – 2024-02-22 | [Future of work: rethinking workers' rights in the digital age](#)
- 2024-03-19 – 2023-03-20 | [CEPR-NBB Joint Research Workshop on Reaching Net-Zero: Electricity Markets, Carbon Pricing, and Firms' Responses](#)
- 2024-04-15 – 2024-04-18 | [World Circular Economy Forum 2024](#)

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