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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

- Comments on COP28: [Adam Morton](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Euronews](#), [Reuters](#), [SciencesPo](#), [IDDRI](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [IEEP](#), [E3G](#), [CEO](#), [Euronews](#), [Stephen Minas](#), [The Guardian](#), [Nick Robins](#), [The Conversation](#), [Wuppertal Institut](#), [Simone Tagliapietra](#), [Giovanni Sgaravatti](#) and [Cecilia Trasi](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euractiv](#), [Climate Home News](#).
- Meeting EU environmental targets by 2030 will be a challenge. A report. ([EEA](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [IEEP](#))
- Commission calls on member states to improve national energy and climate plans to collectively meet EU 2030 targets. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Dialogue is an essential part of national energy and climate plans. ([Various authors](#))
- Highlights of climate action in 2023. ([Commission](#))
- COP28 commitments require improvements in solar energy supply chain. ([Euractiv](#))
- 26 countries sign 'European wind charter' to protect EU industry. ([Euractiv](#), [WindEurope](#))
- Understanding the cost of green hydrogen and recent market developments in Europe. ([Agustin Roth](#), [Andrea Dertinger](#), [Bastian Lotz](#) and [Matthias Schimmel](#))
- How sensitive are Europeans to loss of income due to climate policies? ([Bruegel](#))
- A people-driven plan to get out of Europe's energy price crisis: Tax profits, empower people, end energy poverty. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Strengthening global climate governance and international cooperation for energy-efficient buildings. An [article](#).

- Brussels removes 'action plan' heat pumps from agenda. ([Euractiv](#))
- Packaging and packaging waste: Council adopts its negotiating position on new rules for more sustainable packaging in the EU. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#), [EEB](#))
- Agreement on EU ban on waste exports hailed as end of 'waste colonialism'. ([Euractiv](#))
- The missing piece of the EU's Green Deal. The case for an EU raw materials law. ([OVAM](#))
- How the EU can ensure a sustainable supply of critical minerals. ([Johanna Sydow](#))
- Design for circularity in manufacturing industries – operationalisation and decision support. An [article](#).
- Euro 7: Deal on new EU rules to reduce road transport emissions. ([EP](#), [Council](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T): Council and Parliament strike deal for sustainable connectivity in Europe. ([Council](#), [EP](#), [Commission](#))
- Half of global companies have cut their business flights in half since Covid. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Flying more than 10 hours for a 2-hour meeting? No, thank you. ([Erin Vera](#))
- The devil is in the details to meet EU green jet fuel targets. ([Euractiv](#))
- Calls to restrict heavily-polluting ships from landing at EU ports. ([Euractiv](#))
- Shipping emissions under the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme. A briefing. ([ICCT](#))
- New study shows 'forever chemicals' in tap water and food can cause cancer. ([Euronews](#))
- Promoting subjective well-being and sustainable lifestyles in children and young people by strengthening their personal psychological resources. An [article](#).
- The year Europe kicked its industrial strategy into gear. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Charting a green and competitive future for Europe. ([Egmont](#))
- Implementing the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle in selected EU instruments. ([JRC](#))
- Environmental Crime Directive assessment: Small step for legal consequences, big step for political change. ([EEB](#))
- The Green Deal is dead. Long live the Green Deal! ([William Todts](#))
- 2024: a year that will define the future. ([Patrick ten Brink](#), [Faustine Bas-Defossez](#) and [Christian Skriverik](#))
- EU countries reach agreement on reform national spending rules. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Greenpeace](#), [ETUC](#), [Council](#))
- Sustainable finance: Council agrees negotiating mandate for ESG ratings. ([Council](#))
- Greenwashing remains a concern for regulators, IOSCO report concludes. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- EU macro-prudential climate framework is 'timely and possible', says ECB. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- After Montreal: one year on, has the world delivered on its nature summit promises? ([The Guardian](#))
- Countries need to get out of first gear on nature. ([WWF](#))
- Halting biodiversity loss: EU outlines results 1 year after adoption of global plan for nature and people. ([Commission](#))
- Printable DNA to bird towers: 15 emerging problems for biodiversity by 2024. ([The Guardian](#))
- Root-and-branch reform: if carbon markets don't work, how do we save our forests? ([The Guardian](#))
- The need for an EU Blue Deal by 2024. ([ETUI](#))
- Commission proposes changing international status of wolves from 'strictly protected' to 'protected' based on new data on increased populations and impacts. ([Commission](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [EEB](#), [WWF](#))
- Human-caused extinction of bird species is twice as high as thought, according to research. ([The Guardian](#))

- Digital agriculture in the EU needs clear socio-ecological guidelines. ([Arc2020](#))
- EU won't give up on trade deal with Latin America. ([Politico](#))
- EU-Kenya trade pact is 'most ambitious' on climate and labour rights. ([Euractiv](#))

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Activities

- 2024-01-15 – 2024-01-18 | [Belgian Renovation Week: Innovation in Building Renovations](#)
- 2024-01-18 | [Expert meeting: nature in tomorrow's education](#)
- 2024-01-25 | Hybrid | [It's in the news: we're decarbonising!](#)
- 2024-01-29 | [Beyond borders: how can the EU become a leader in consumption-based emissions reduction?](#)
- 2024-01-30 | Webinar | [Eco-social crisis and judicial activism](#)
- 2024-02-07 | Webinar | [Webinar on articles on methodology for climate risk stress testing and analysis of the financial impact of greenwashing controversies](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-03-07 | [Teach Up! 2030](#)
- 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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Commission documents

- 2024-02-06 | [2040 climate target](#) | [Communication on industrial carbon management](#)
- 2024-02-14 | [Advanced materials for industrial leadership – A coordinated plan with Member States](#)

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