



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

- Belgium assumed the presidency of the Council on 1 January. ([Website BE](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Strategic Perspectives](#), [EEB](#), [Politico](#), [IOM](#))
- Looking ahead to 2024: 2040 climate target will be 'legacy' of EU Commission, activists say. ([Euractiv](#))
- Lack of commitment threatens EU climate neutrality target. ([Euronews](#))
- Six takeaways from 2023's climate change news. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Ten climate questions for 2024. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Will 2024 be the first full year of 1.5°C warming? ([The Guardian](#))
- The world will look back on 2023 as the year when humanity exposed its inability to tackle the climate crisis, scientists say. ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate scientists hail 2023 as the 'beginning of the end' for the fossil fuel era. ([The Guardian](#))
- Costliest 2023 climate disasters show poor lose out in 'global postcode lottery'. ([The Guardian](#))
- The sustainability transition needs a new narrative. ([Imme Scholz](#))
- Three different directions in which the European Union could replace Russian natural gas. An [article](#).
- Germany's emissions reach lowest level in 70 years by reducing dependence on coal. ([The Guardian](#))
- Reducing inequality is essential in tackling the climate crisis, say researchers. ([Phys](#))

- The EU's energy transition in a 'geopoliticizing' world. An [article](#).
- Circular business models for digital technologies in the built environment. An [article](#).
- Digital product passport: A path to circularity and sustainability in modern manufacturing. An [article](#).
- Buckled lines and landslides: How climate change is hitting Europe's rail industry. ([Euronews](#))
- The race to destroy the toxic 'forever chemicals' polluting our world. ([The Guardian](#))
- Civil liability in sustainability due diligence laws: A quiet revolution? An [article](#).
- Basic environmental and social risks still unaccounted for by central banks and financial supervisors. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Could 2024 be the year nature rights enter the political mainstream? ([The Guardian](#))
- Mercosur mulls 'last-chance' summit to close EU trade deal. ([Politico](#))
- Impacts and risks of climate change on trade infrastructure. ([SEI](#))

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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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