



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

- Copernicus: 2023 is the warmest year on record, with global temperatures close to the 1.5°C mark. ([Copernicus](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [Copernicus](#))
- Oil industry veteran leads COP29. ([The Guardian](#), [Global Witness](#), [Oil International](#), [Euronews](#))
- COP29 host country Azerbaijan wants to increase gas production by a third over next decade. ([The Guardian](#), [Global Witness](#))
- Global warming will pass 1.5°C threshold this year, says ex-Nasa top scientist. ([The Guardian](#))
- Analysis: The climate papers most prevalent in the media in 2023. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Overview - World economic situation and outlook 2024. ([UN](#), [Euronews](#))
- Global risks 2024: Disinformation tops global risks 2024 as environmental threats rise. ([WEF](#), [WWF](#))
- Data shows 'astonishing' ocean temperatures worsen extreme weather in 2023. ([The Guardian](#))
- Dozens of organisations and scientists demand separation of EU 2040 climate targets. ([Carbon Market Watch](#), [Euronews](#), [EEB](#))
- The EU's implementation of the Paris Agreement. An [article](#).
- Bold action to close the Climate Gap: a call for systemic change by governments and businesses. ([WEF](#))
- Regional and local adaptation to climate change: Gaps, challenges and opportunities. A [study](#).

- Priority dossiers under the Belgian EU Presidency. A [briefing](#).
- Expertise in complex national politics will save EU Council agenda, claims Belgium. ([Euractiv](#))
- Huge expansion of renewable energy opens door to COP28 global tripling target ([IEA](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#))
- 2023: A peak year for Germany's renewable electricity sector. ([Euractiv](#))
- The European energy crisis: Shock therapy for the EU's transition to clean energy. ([EPC](#))
- Building and financing the expansion of the European electric interconnection market. ([Jean-Baptiste Vaujour](#))
- Electricity tariffication is Europe's hidden industrial policy. ([Ben McWilliams](#), [Georg Zachmann](#), [Giovanni Sgaravatti](#) and [Simone Tagliapietra](#))
- Gender aspects of the rising cost of living and the impact of the energy crisis. A [study](#).
- Battery production: Germany first EU country to match US subsidies. ([Euractiv](#))
- Deep sea mining: why is interest growing and what are the risks? ([The Guardian](#))
- Norwegian parliament gives green light to controversial deep-sea mining. ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#))
- The rush for raw materials. A report. ([TNI](#))
- EU's climate agenda must not destroy our natural ecosystems. ([Sirpa Pietikainen](#))
- How AI can drive data-driven policy-making in the circular economy. ([Circle Economy](#))
- External implications of the circular economy transition of the Netherlands and the EU. ([ECDPM](#))
- Top 4 priorities of recyclers for 2024 - 2029. ([Euric](#))
- Recycling market in Europe risks collapse after EU ban on waste exports, says industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- 2024-2029: Five years to deliver on Green Deal mobility promises. ([Céline Domecq](#) and [Julia Poliscanova](#))
- EU targets under pressure as consumers shun used electric vehicles. ([Euractiv](#))
- Research and innovation pave the way to climate neutrality in urban transport: Analysis of 362 cities towards zero emissions. An [article](#).
- Without more action, LNG could pull international shipping off its decarbonisation course. ([ICCT](#))
- Combating microplastic pollution in the EU: Unintentional release of plastic pellets. A [briefing](#).
- 'Forever chemicals' (PFAS) found in fetuses pose risk of diseases in adulthood. ([Euractiv](#))
- Evidence is growing for the link between air pollution and the risk of dementia and strokes. ([The Guardian](#))
- War gave us the Red Cross. Now, because of climate disasters, we also need a Green Cross. ([Lorenzo Marsili](#))
- The climate costs of war and the military can no longer be ignored. ([Doug Weir](#))
- 2024: Europe again at a turning point. ([Sébastien Treyer](#))
- 2024: a year that will define the future. ([Patrick ten Brink](#))
- Public ownership for sustainability transitions: Empirical insights for EU policymakers. An [article](#).
- Macroeconomic impacts of green recovery programmes. An [article](#).
- The role of environmental technologies, institutional quality and globalisation on environmental sustainability in European Union countries: new evidence from advanced panel data estimation. An [article](#).
- New system guides companies to act within planetary boundaries. ([Stockholm Resilience Centre](#))
- Submission to the UN consultation on corporate responsibility in the context of human rights and climate change. ([LSE](#))

- A proposal to revise the EU's multiannual financial framework. ([BirdLife](#))
- EU banks lending disproportionately to carbon-intensive sectors. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Central banks must fight the climate crisis - here's why. ([Martin Sokol and Jennie C. Stephens](#))
- The ECB is wrong. Green dual interest rates are possible - and necessary. ([Vicky Van Eyck](#))
- European asset managers greener than Americans, survey shows. ([Euronews](#), [ShareAction](#))
- Promoting regenerative agriculture in the EU and UK. A report. ([EEB](#))
- Circular economy and employment in agriculture: a panel analysis of advanced and emerging economies in the EU. An [article](#).
- Agricultural practices to improve biodiversity in different biomes: a systematic review. An [article](#).
- EU top court fails to apply clear overfishing rules to all EU fish stocks. ([ClientEarth](#))
- Climate finance and conflict: adaptation in the midst of instability. An [article](#).
- It's time to tackle 'the elephant' in Africa - switching to renewable energy won't be easy. ([Oxford Economics](#))
- European Union and UK regulations for deforestation-free supply chains: implications for Brazil. ([SEI](#))

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Activities

- 2024-01-15 – 2024-01-18 | [Belgian Renovation Week](#)
- 2024-01-16 | Webinar | [Remining for the energy transition](#)
- 2024-01-17 | Webinar | [SEI Currents 2024](#)
- 2024-01-18 | [Expert meeting: nature in tomorrow's education](#)
- 2024-01-18 | Online | [Book launch: Making the European Green Deal Work](#)
- 2024-01-18 | Hybrid | [Should nature have rights?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-02-08 | [Workers and the climate challenge](#)
- 2024-02-10 | Online | [The future of EU forests – A new EU Framework for Forest Monitoring and Strategic Plans](#)
- 2024-02-19 – 2024-02-20 | [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](#)
- 2024-03-11 | Hybrid | [Global ocean governance: past, present, and future](#)
- 2024-03-19 – 2024-03-20 | [CEPR-NBB Joint Research Workshop on Reaching Net-Zero: Electricity Markets, Carbon Pricing, and Firms' Responses](#)
- 2024-03-25 – 2024-03-26 | [Empowering Biodiversity Research III](#)
- 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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