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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

- State of the Climate: 2023 breaks records for surface temperature and ocean heat. ([CarbonBrief](#), [Green Central Banking](#))
- 'Out of all proportion': 2023 was the warmest year on record globally, US scientists confirm. ([The Guardian](#))
- Polish climate surprise puts pressure on EU to set ambitious 2040 target. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- EU Climate Advisory Council: focus on immediate implementation and continuous action to meet EU climate targets. ([ESABCC](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Azerbaijan appoints no women to 28-member climate commission COP29. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- How fossil fuels went from sidelines to leading role in climate negotiations. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Missing the mark: facing the prospect of more than 1.5°C. ([SEI](#))
- Bold climate action: new report reveals potential €1 trillion savings for EU. ([CAN Europe](#))
- On 15 January, there was an informal meeting of environment ministers. ([BE](#), [Euractiv](#), [EEB](#))
- Reduce emissions of fluorinated gases and ozone-depleting substances. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- EU built a record 17 GW of new wind power by 2023 - wind now accounts for 19% of electricity generation. ([WindEurope](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Lots of good news - and good numbers - in offshore wind again. ([WindEurope](#))

- Leading examples of renewable electricity business strategies leave laggards and standard setters in the dust. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- How renewables can spark an energy revolution among consumers. ([WEF](#))
- Sufficiency, the key to a climate-neutral EU. ([Energy Cities](#))
- The European Parliament overwhelmingly supports a call for an EU strategy for geothermal energy. ([EGEC](#))
- The 360 Gigawatt Reason to boost energy storage financing now. ([IRENA](#))
- Improving EU electricity market design. A [briefing](#).
- EU Power market reform: a launchpad for deep decarbonisation of EU power. ([E3G](#))
- What to say about Europe's upcoming carbon management strategy? ([Euractiv](#))
- Junk offset sellers urge entry into new UN carbon market. ([Climate Home News](#))
- The geopolitics of energy transition and opportunities for international cooperation. ([E3G](#))
- Exploring new climate risk assessment strategies for policymakers. ([SEI](#))
- Human 'behavioural crisis' at the root of climate change, say scientists. ([The Guardian](#))
- Officials say talent shortage undermines green renovation. ([Euronews](#))
- A plea for a European raw materials law. ([IEEP](#))
- Reducing supply risks for critical raw materials. A study. ([CEPS](#))
- Why Europe must become a centre for materials innovation. ([Linus Froböse](#))
- EU-backed investors plan €500 million fund for battery raw materials. ([Reuters](#))
- Circular economy: How 'lighthouses' in the built environment can create value. ([WEF](#))
- Knowledge-based circular economic model for sustainable competitiveness: framework development and analysis. An [article](#).
- Improving working conditions of platform workers. A [briefing](#).
- Heavy vehicles: Council and Parliament reach agreement to reduce CO₂ emissions from trucks, buses and semi-trailers. ([Council](#), [Commission](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Managing shared mobility: a comparison of policy goals pursued in three cities. An [article](#).
- The invisible killer on Europe's roads. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Lies, damn lies and statistics: EU wants to harmonise transport emissions accounting. ([Euractiv](#))
- Will longer trucks hurt Europe's rail freight? ([Euractiv](#))
- MEPs adopt new law banning greenwashing and misleading product information. ([EP](#), [ECOS](#), [EEB](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Spanish pellet spill puts EU law on microplastic pollution in the spotlight. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU legislators voted to get rid of needless mercury. ([EEB](#))
- Ursula's empty green Davos promise. ([Politico](#))
- A crisis of one's own: The politics of trauma in Europe's election year. ([ECFR](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Some big companies emit more than entire countries - so why aren't they doing anything? ([Euronews](#))
- Implementing the European Green Deal: a private sector perspective. ([WEF](#))
- 'Very worrying': Trade unions alarmed by EU industrial meltdown. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU parliament moves closer to agreement on Net Zero Industry Act. ([Science | Business](#))
- EU mulls 'Industrial' twin for Green Deal as election pressure bites. ([Politico](#))
- Navigating net zero via the law. ([LSE](#))
- NGO accountability: The potential of business and human rights frameworks for NGO due diligence. An [article](#).
- Sustainability and competition law: An international report. An [article](#).
- Economic governance reform: improving credibility, ownership and room to invest. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#))
- A guide to the next 'sustainable finance agenda'. ([Finance Watch](#), [Finance Watch](#))

- Nature needs to be higher on the agenda of central banks and financial regulators. ([WWF](#), [Sustainable Finance Lab](#))
- A roadmap to make the European Central Bank greener. ([HBS](#))
- Progress in implementing the Kunming-Montreal global biodiversity framework. A [study](#).
- Why we can no longer ignore biodiversity loss. ([WEF](#))
- European Parliament reverses course on marine conservation ambitions. ([Euractiv](#))
- Joint letter to call on this Commission to comply with EU strategy 'Farm to Fork' through sustainable public procurement of food." ([EPHA](#), [EEB](#))
- MEPs reject Commission proposal to allow higher pesticide content in imported food. ([Euractiv](#))
- Exploring the benefits of intermediate crops: is it possible to offset the loss of soil organic carbon caused by the removal of crop residues? An [article](#).
- High stakes for climate finance in 2024. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Transitioning to a new world order. ([SEI](#))
- Copernican revolution or green protectionism? An [article](#).
- A geopolitical EU must offer green innovation partnerships. ([Mats Engström](#))

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Activities

- 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](#)
- 2024-02-20 | [Competitiveness in a digital decade - What policy mix for 2024 and beyond?](#)
- 2024-02-21 – 2024-02-22 | [Future of work: rethinking workers' rights in the digital age](#)
- 2024-02-22 – 2024-02-23 | Online | [Green hydrogen: fueling just decarbonization or 'greening' extractivism?](#)
- 2024-02-27 | [Can the future of the European automotive industry still be saved?](#)
- 2024-03-07 | [Teach Up! 2030](#)
- 2024-03-07 | [Carbon and graphite - Navigating the challenges between energy and trade](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-03-21 | [Green Budgeting in the EU: a coherent approach for improved policy making](#)
- 2024-03-25 – 2024-03-26 | [Empowering Biodiversity Research III](#)
- 2024-04-15 – 2024-04-18 | [World Circular Economy Forum 2024](#)
- 2024-06-11 – 2024-06-13 | [European Sustainable Energy Week 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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