The European Green Deal
We want to reconcile our economy with our planet, and make it work for our people.

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

- Brussels targets 90% climate target for 2040, 11 EU countries call for ambition. (Euractiv)
- Five debates on the future of EU climate action in 2024. (E3G)
- Why 2023 was an exceptional year for Antarctic sea ice. (CarbonBrief)
- Climate change kills millions: An expert explains why many deaths go unnoticed. (Euronews)
- The election year of 2024 is the climate's window of opportunity. (Mattias Söderberg)
- Fossil fuel phase-out date needed in Europe in target 2040, NGOs ask. (Transport & Environment)
- The case for separate targets in the EU's 2040 climate strategy. (Eadbhard Pernot, Fabiola De Simone and Mark Preston Aragones)
- 'Conflicting' national energy plans mean EU risks missing 2030 climate targets. (Science | Business)
- Wind energy in the EU. A briefing.
- Renewable energy rollout in France too slow to meet EU targets - report. (Euractiv)
- Germany risks failing to meet its 2030 offshore wind target, industry warns. (Euractiv)
- Security-orientated energy policy in Germany. (ZOE Institute)
- Fluorinated gases and ozone-depleting substances: Council gives green light to new rules to reduce harmful emissions. (Council, Commission)
- Recast EU regulation on gas and hydrogen networks. A briefing.
- Unlocking energy savings and promoting decarbonisation of buildings and heating. (CAN Europe)

- Why 2024 is the tipping point for investment in sustainable buildings. (WEF)
- Implementing positive energy districts in European cities: A systematic literature review on the effective integration of the concept into existing energy systems. An article.
- EU Commission wants captured CO_2 to become 'tradable commodity'. (Euractiv)
- Reality check: The case for targeted use of carbon capture and storage (CCS). (EEB)
- Carbon capture and storage: do's and don'ts. (META)
- EU must embrace real solutions for higher climate ambition, not speculative technologies. (CIEL)
- France confirms opposition to EU Mercosur deal after mounting protests from farmers. (Euractiv, Politico, Politico)
- Cars versus cows: German carmakers call for EU Mercosur deal to be split to bypass French 'non'. (Euractiv)
- The distributive politics of the green transition: a joint experiment on EU climate change mitigation policy. An article.
- UN report says resource extraction will increase by 60% by 2060. (The Guardian)
- EU-backed green certification system for raw materials launched, world first. (Euractiv)
- Circular economy: Council and Parliament reach preliminary agreement on Right to Repair Directive. (Council, EP, BEUC)
- Digital product passports as enablers of the digital circular economy: a framework based on technology perspective. An article.
- Packaging waste regulation is a final test of Europe's commitment to the Green Deal. (Marco Musso)
- Why businesses must embrace the circular economy for sustainable success. (WEF)
- Can VDL keep BYD off the European championship? 8 key things to look forward to in 2024. (Transport & Environment)
- Research shows that car emissions are 14% higher than advertised by manufacturers. (Euractiv)
- Shipping in the EU Emissions Trading Scheme: implications for mitigation, costs and modal split. An article.
- Urban wastewater: Council and Parliament agree on new rules for more efficient treatment and monitoring. (Council, Commission)
- Brussels top people appear to have PFAS in their blood. (Euractiv, EEB)
- EU forces cosmetics companies to pay to reduce microplastic pollution. (The Guardian)
- Scientists show delay of air quality rules could cost 327,600 extra lives. (EEB)
- Job quality and digitisation. A report. (ETUI)
- EU lawmakers express support for upcoming 'Industry Decarbonisation Deal'. (Euractiv)
- German steelmakers express support for US-EU industry alliance. (Euractiv)
- Net Zero Industry Act threatens to be a step backwards for Europe's wind industry. (WindEurope)
- Competitive sustainability should guide the next European Commission, not deregulation. (Mats Engström)
- The European Green Deal in the face of rising radical right-wing populism. (Institut Delors)
- Lindner wants to overturn EU law on corporate due diligence. (Euractiv)
- New EU tax rules hamper fight against climate change: report. (Euractiv, Euronews)
- What Europe needs to learn from the German debt brake fiasco. (Transport & Environment)
- Sustainable Finance Platform report on a compendium of market practices. (Commission, PRI)
- The crucial role of capital cost and climate policies in net zero transitions. (WEF)
- 90% of large eurozone banks face serious transition risks, says ECB. (Green Central Banking)

- Netherlands considers Paris-aligned investment mandate for financial institutions. (Green Central Banking)
- EU bank regulator sets rules for capital-based transition plan. (Green Central Banking)
- The impact of COVID-19 fiscal spending on climate adaptation and resilience. An article.
- One year after COP15, what progress has been made on conservation. (CarbonBrief)
- Directive on soil monitoring and resilience. A briefing.
- Move to sustainable food systems could bring $10tn benefits a year, study finds. (The Guardian, Food System Economics Commission)
- Agriculture 'core area' for EU 2040 climate targets - Commission report. (Euractiv)
- Key EU climate scientists recommend move to plant-based food ahead of launch of Strategic Dialogue. (EVU)
- Echoes of discontent: Understanding Europe's farm protests. (Arc2020, Euronews, The Guardian, Chatham House, Ajit Niranjan, WWF, Arc2020, BirdLife, Arc2020, Arc2020, Euractiv)
- Time to step up our game on animal welfare. (Ben Weyts, Bernard Clerfayt, Celine Tellier and Stella Kyriakides)
- New Dutch group strengthens efforts to replace animal testing. (Euractiv)
- NGOs launch legal action against EU glyphosate re-approval. (ClientEarth, PAN)

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Activities

- 2024-02-06 | Webinar | Webinar on the report of the Platform on Sustainable Finance
- 2024-02-07 | Webinar | Webinar on articles on methodology for climate risk stress testing and analysis of the financial impact of greenwashing controversies
- 2024-02-07 | Webinar | Understanding the Opportunity: What does the circular economy mean for supply chains?
- 2024-02-08 | Hybrid | Environmental Law Lecture #10: Strengthening EU Environmental Law
- 2024-02-08 | Workers and the climate challenge
- 2024-02-08 | Online | Back on track to Paris? Stock-taking of EU climate and energy targets beyond 2030
- 2024-02-09 | Online | Climate Change Litigation in the EU
- 2024-02-10 | Online | The future of EU forests – A new EU Framework for Forest Monitoring and Strategic Plans
- 2024-02-19 | Online | The EU's Carbon management strategy and the path to 2040
- 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?
- 2024-02-20 | Online | The future of EU forests – A new EU Framework for Forest Monitoring and Strategic Plans
- 2024-02-20 | Hybrid | Reframing finance: a systems-led approach to sustainable investment
- 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?
- 2024-02-22 | Hybrid | Greening EU Environmental Law: What about the European Climate Law?
- 2024-02-27 | Can the future of the European automotive industry still be saved?
- 2024-02-28 | Launch event of the European Partnerships on Agroecology and on Animal Health and Welfare
- 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
- 2024-03-12 | Hybrid | The role of social rights in a just transition for the EU
- 2024-03-15 | Online | The clock is ticking, what's next for the EU Green Deal?
- 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
- 2024-06-18 – 2024-06-20 | Hybrid | Nature-based Solutions Conference 2024

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Commission documents

- 2024-02-06 | 2040 climate target | Communication on industrial carbon management
- 2024-03-06 | Advanced materials for industrial leadership
- 2024-03-12 | Resilience and adaptation, - Water resilience / - Climate risks
- 2024-04-10 | Communication on the clean transition dialogues – stocktaking
- 2024-04-17 | Joint Communication on a strengthened partnership with Africa

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