



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

- Commission proposed 2040 climate target. Before publication: [Modern Diplomacy](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [Erica Johnson and Zsolt Lengyel](#), [Euractiv](#), After the publication: [Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [WWF](#), [Nature](#), [BEUC](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [EEB](#), [Euronews](#), [Hydrogen Europe](#), [EHPA](#), [CEW](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [Global Witness](#), [Eurocities](#), [EYF](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CAN Europe](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [ETUC](#), [Euractiv](#), [IIGCC](#).
- Stop looking for loopholes, UN warns, after Saudi hints end of fossil fuels 'just one option'. ([The Guardian](#))
- In 2024, the world experienced the warmest January on record. ([Copernicus](#), [Euronews](#))
- World 'unprepared' for climate disasters after warmest January on record. ([Jonathan Watts](#))
- Hurricanes getting so strong that new category is needed, says research. ([The Guardian](#))
- Towards Net Zero. Bridging the green investment gap. A study. ([Institut Rousseau](#))
- Solar industry calls for 'emergency measures' as manufacturers prepare to leave Europe. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- Europe's climate and security goals need an EU solar charter. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- Report reveals: 'Unprecedented collapse' of electricity generation from coal and gas in EU last year. ([Euronews](#))
- World added 50% more renewable capacity last year than 2022. ([WEF](#))
- Wind power permits are improving, but governments still have work to do. ([WindEurope](#))
- Carbon markets or climate targets? We need both. ([Chiara Corradi](#))

- Civil society organisations call for end to soy-based biofuels. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Three ways to move energy consumers from interest to action. ([EY](#))
- EU recast directive on gas and hydrogen markets. A [briefing](#).
- Deep renovations: how repurposing old buildings can reduce climate change. ([WEF](#))
- This disused mine in Finland is being converted into a gravity battery to store renewable energy. ([Euronews](#))
- EU urged to improve sorting of mixed household waste to boost recycling. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU approves new law giving consumers the right to repair products. ([Euractiv](#), [Commission](#), [EEB](#), [RREUSE](#), [Right to Repair](#), [Politico](#))
- New directive to empower consumers - what does it mean for repair? ([Right to Repair](#))
- Why 'recycling' fashion won't save the planet. ([Euractiv](#))
- Ecodesign for sustainable products. A [briefing](#).
- White paper on sustainable resource management in the EU. ([EEB](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Six trends in circular economy legislation to keep an eye on in 2024. ([Circle Economy](#))
- How circular are bio-based products? ([Iris Vural Gürsel](#))
- Belgian presidency hopes for 11th-hour agreement with weakened platform directive ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EP](#))
- Belgium delays EU vote on truck emissions as Germany threatens majority. ([Euractiv](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Making sustainable transport a reality: the interplay between public policy instruments and business models of shared mobility providers. An [article](#).
- Intelligent road transport systems. A [briefing](#).
- CO₂ emissions from new passenger cars in Europe: Car manufacturers' performance in 2022. A briefing. ([ICCT](#))
- Fight over low-emission zones stalls EU negotiations on road safety. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission welcomes preliminary agreement to ban all remaining deliberate uses of toxic mercury in the EU. ([Commission](#), [EEB](#))
- The European Parliament and the origins of environmental policy. A [study](#).
- Net Zero Industry Act (NZIA): Council and Parliament reach agreement to boost green industry in EU. [Council](#), [EP](#), [Commission](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [WWF](#), [EEB](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [WindEurope](#), [Science | Business](#).
- Commission sets out how carbon can be sustainably captured, stored and used to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. ([Commission](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#), [CEW](#))
- Business leaders blame skills shortages for Europe's industrial decline. ([Euractiv](#))
- Next EU legislature must reconcile climate and industry, says French think tank. ([Euractiv](#))
- For the EU's prosperity, we need to strengthen the single market now. ([CEPS](#))
- Welcome to the next phase of the European Green Deal. ([Euractiv](#))
- New rules for economic governance. A [briefing](#).
- Back to the brink: EU budget rules threaten climate action and social justice. ([META](#))
- Environmental, social and governance (ESG) ratings: Council and Parliament reach agreement. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Council and Parliament agree on two-year postponement of sustainability reporting for certain sectors and third-country companies. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Critical new due diligence law under threat. ([CRI](#), [WWF](#), [Just Style](#))
- ECB climate plan includes monetary policy, nature risk and green transition ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Financial industry wants delay on review of EU sustainability rules for asset managers. ([The Digital Banker](#))
- Survey reveals: millions in 'climate-friendly' investments awarded to fossil fuel giants. ([Euronews](#))

- EU commission chief withdraws controversial pesticide regulation. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [PAN](#), [Euronews](#), [Arc2020](#))
- Fixing our broken food systems. ([Politico](#))
- Reactions to the farmers' protest: [Arc2020](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Friends of Europe](#), [Hannes Lorenzen](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [Marco Contiero](#), [BirdLife](#), [EEB](#).
- Heavy use of CO₂ removal would trigger high sustainability risks. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- A Union certification framework for carbon removal. A [briefing](#).
- Rich countries miss deadline for 'Loss and Damage' fund. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Taxing aviation for 'Loss and Damage' due to climate change. ([ICCT](#))

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Activities

- 2024-02-14 | [The responsibilities of fossil fuel companies in the cost of living crisis](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-02-29 | Hybrid | [Achieving SDG 2 without breaching the 1.5 °C threshold: A global roadmap](#)
- 2024-03-05 | [PRI 2030 Policy Roadmap for the EU](#)
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- 2024-03-07 | [Carbon and graphite - Navigating the challenges between energy and trade](#)
- 2024-03-11 | Hybrid | [Global ocean governance: past, present, and future](#)
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- 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](#)
- 2024-04-17 | [Europe's Leading Role in Mainstreaming Circular practice](#)
- 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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