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General

- The European Commission presented the <u>European Green Deal</u> proposal (<u>communication +</u> <u>roadmap</u>) on 11 December 2019.
- The European Council of <u>12 December 2019</u> confirmed the principle of climate neutrality.
- The European Parliament on 15 January 2020 adopted <u>a resolution</u> 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

- Warmest January on record, 12-month average more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. (Copernicus)
- Atlantic Ocean circulation nears devastating 'tipping point', research shows. (<u>The Guardian</u>, <u>Euronews</u>)
- Amazon forest may reach tipping point by 2050, scientists warn. (The Guardian, CarbonBrief)
- EU Parliament political groups clash over 2040 climate target in pre-election preview. (Euractiv)
- From communication to legislation: the roadmap to the EU's 2040 climate target. (E3G)
- European Commission's 2040 communication deciphered: 6 insights from underlying analysis. (<u>E3G</u>)
- New EU 2040 target: an opportunity to tackle the transition in concrete terms. (ECCO)
- Other reactions to the 2040 climate target: <u>EPSU</u>, <u>Solidar</u>, <u>SolarPower Europe</u>.
- Across borders: how can the EU become a leader in consumption-based emissions reduction? (<u>SEI</u>)
- EU's waffling on climate goals is allowing far-right to piggyback to power. (<u>Isabel</u> <u>Schatzschneider</u>)
- NGOs and local governments sign declaration calling on EU to do more on climate adaptation. (Euractiv)
- A preview of the upcoming EU debates on climate policy. (Euractiv)
- Paris hosted the IEA ministerial meeting. (IEA, Oil International)

- Letter to the European Commission on the recent assessment report of the draft Updated National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs). (<u>CAN Europe</u>)
- Forecast of electricity generation from onshore wind and solar power in Germany. An article.
- EU Commission urges France to raise renewable energy target to 'at least 44%'. (Euractiv)
- The world is becoming less dependent on fossil fuels, except in three key sectors. (<u>The</u> <u>Guardian</u>)
- European Commission industrial carbon management strategy provides technocratic answers to an unfinished political debate. (<u>E3G</u>)
- EU climate policy dangerously reliant on untested carbon capture technology. (Nature)
- Revealed: the 1,200 major methane leaks from waste dumps that are devastating the planet. (<u>The Guardian</u>)
- EU Commission slams brakes on heat pumps action plan. (EHPA)
- Questions from residents on energy-efficient retrofitting in the Netherlands. An <u>article</u>.
- Rare earths, geopolitics and a village called Ulefoss. (<u>Anna-Sophie Hobi, Håkon da Silva</u> <u>Hyldmo and Lara Santos Ayllón</u>)
- Reducing textile and food waste: New EU rules to support the circular economy. (<u>EP</u>, <u>Zero</u> <u>Waste Europe</u>, <u>RREUSE</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>)
- Will hydrogen overtake batteries in the race for emission-free cars? (<u>The Guardian</u>)
- Blockade lifted: Germany concedes on EU CO₂ rules for trucks 2040. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Transport &</u> <u>Environment</u>)
- EU parliament votes on CO₂ emissions trucks after green light from committee. (Euractiv, EP)
- European hydrogen plans dependent on uncertain imports report. (<u>Transport & Environment</u>)
- Keep up the good sales: Ways to support the market for used BEVs in Germany. (ICCT)
- A green transition in transport is about more than just emissions. (SEI)
- Greenwashing: how EU companies can validate their green claims. (EP, Euractiv)
- Love is in the air... but so is pollution. (META)
- Factors driving the choice of pro-ecological products among the Z generation. An <u>article</u>.
- Green transition and job quality: risks for worker representation. (ETUI)
- Making regulation fit for innovation. How can EU regulation enable innovations for a climate-neutral economy? (<u>Institut Delors</u>)
- A vision for the implementation of the European Green Deal in the new EU policy cycle. (<u>IEEP</u>)
- A proposal for an Executive Vice-President for future generations. (ZOE Institut)
- German liberals want to renegotiate EU law on due diligence, blame Spain. (Euractiv)
- UN report: nature disclosure frameworks and standards not fully aligned. (Green Central Banking)
- Challenges and opportunities in sustainability reporting: a focus on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) An <u>article</u>.
- Something is not working: Economists urge EU Commission to overhaul its models. (Euractiv)
- Building back better? Economic resilience in the age of the Recovery and Resilience Facility. A report. (ZOE Institut)
- Revising economic governance: Council and Parliament agree on reform of fiscal rules. (<u>Council</u>, <u>EP</u>, <u>Commission</u>)
- New EU fiscal reforms will impede critical investments, experts warn. (Euractiv)
- This tiny loophole could give the EU a lot more money. (Politico)
- After COP28: Financial institutions should adopt nuanced transition financing frameworks to support net zero. (IEEFA)
- Why does the EU taxonomy miss the mark on construction? (ECOS)
- Rethinking inflation in times of environmental instability. (Green Central Banking)

- Price stability requires more climate action from the ECB. (Green Central Banking)
- What would a green dual interest rate environment look like? (Green Central Banking)
- From turtles to fruit bats, migratory species increasingly endangered, says UN. (<u>The</u> <u>Guardian</u>, <u>Euronews</u>)
- EU nature restoration regulation: Binding targets for healthy ecosystems. A briefing.
- Von der Leyen Commission halts 'water resilience initiative' and risks further damage to drought and flood-ravaged Europe. (<u>WWF</u>)
- Forked tongues. Will sustained dialogue seed Europe's farms? (Euractiv)
- EFSA chief shares uncomfortable truths about sustainable food, Green Deal. (Euractiv)
- European farmers are angry: polarisation can be overcome by tackling the causes. (<u>Tomaso</u> <u>Ferrando</u>)
- Who should speak on behalf of European farmers? (Thin Lei Win)
- From protest to policy: What is the future for EU agriculture in the green transition? (EPC)
- Farmers revolt and European climate policy crumbles. Welcome to the era of the 'greenlash'. (Paul Taylor)
- Breaking the gridlock: Navigating the political economy of Africa's energy systems. (ECDPM)
- Climate change-induced migration seen as bigger threat than Russia MSC report. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Euronews</u>)
- Integrating migration and migrants into climate-resilient development pathways in the context of the European Green Deal. (<u>IOM</u>)
- 'Blended finance' could sustain climate colonialism. (Farwa Sial)
- 'Litigation terrorism': the dark tool companies use against green laws. (<u>Arthus Neslen</u>)
- EU Mercosur unlikely to be ready for EU elections. (Euractiv)
- Consumer groups urge EU to better align its trade policies with the Green Deal. (BEUC)
- Promoting green trade outcomes at 13th WTO ministerial conference. (E3G)

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Activities

- 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 | <u>Competitiveness in a digital decade What policy mix for 2024 and beyond?</u>
- 2024-02-20 | Online | <u>The future of EU forests A new EU Framework for Forest Monitoring</u> and <u>Strategic Plans</u>
- 2024-02-20 | Hybrid | <u>Reframing finance: a systems-led approach to sustainable investment</u>
- 2024-02-20 | Hybrid | Potential for energy poverty alleviation through an inclusive and democratic European Green Deal 2.0
- 2024-02-21 2024-02-22 | Future of work: rethinking workers' rights in the digital age
- 2024-02-21 | Online | The European Green Deal and the Global Green Deal
- 2024-02-22 2024-02-23 | Online | <u>Green hydrogen: fueling just decarbonization or</u> <u>'greening' extractivism?</u>
- 2024-02-22 | Hybrid | <u>Greening EU Environmental Law: What about the European Climate Law?</u>
- 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 | <u>Achieving SDG 2 without breaching the 1.5 °C threshold: A global</u> roadmap

- 2024-02-29 | Online | <u>Green Deal and polycrisis: Aligning short-term reactions with long-term commitments</u>
- 2024-03-05 | PRI 2030 Policy Roadmap for the EU
- 2024-03-07 | <u>Teach Up! 2030</u>
- 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 | <u>The role of social rights in a just transition for the EU</u>
- 2024-03-12 | Webinar | <u>Nature-based solutions at the climate-biodiversity-health nexus</u>
- 2024-03-14 | Hybrid | Environmental Law Lecture #12: To fall in love with the EU Emissions Trading instrument?
- 2024-03-15 | Online | The clock is ticking, what's next for the EU Green Deal?
- 2024-03-19 2024-03-20 | <u>CEPR-NBB Joint Research Workshop on Reaching Net-Zero:</u> 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
- 2024-03-27 | Think2030 conference. Ensuring a resilient future for the European Green Deal
- 2024-04-15 2024-04-18 | <u>World Circular Economy Forum 2024</u>
- 2024-04-17 | <u>Europe's Leading Role in Mainstreaming Circular practice</u>
- 2024-06-11 2024-06-13 | <u>European Sustainable Energy Week 2024</u>
- 2024-06-18 2024-06-20 | Hybrid | Nature-based Solutions Conference 2024

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Commission documents

- 2024-03-05 | Advanced materials for industrial leadership
- 2024-03-12 | Climate resilience
- 2024-04-10 | <u>Communication on the clean transition dialogues stocktaking</u>
- 2024-04-17 | Joint Communication on a strengthened partnership with Africa



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