



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

- February on course to break unprecedented number of heat records. ([The Guardian](#))
- Why global support for climate action is 'systematically underestimated'. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Regular drought could become 'new normal' in the Mediterranean due to climate change. ([Euronews](#))
- Report on Europe's climate investment deficit: an investment path for Europe's future. ([I4CE](#), [Euractiv](#), [Social Europe](#))
- Europe needs to improve its energy security. ([Giulia Cretti and Louise van Schaik](#))
- Solar PV industry caught up in controversy over forced labour in China ([Euractiv](#))
- The clock is ticking as the EU tries to unblock the energy tax directive. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Belgian presidency's plan to unblock the EU energy tax directive. ([Euractiv](#), [Decarbonise Now](#))
- 'Energy turbulence' looms if demand is not curbed, says COP28 president. ([The Guardian](#))
- Gender and energy: The effects of the energy transition on women. A study. ([JRC](#))
- The energy transition can be fair, equitable and inclusive - but time is running out. ([Louis Delannoy](#))
- Priorities for EU climate and energy diplomacy. ([E3G](#))
- World's biggest oil companies have made \$281 billion profit since invading Ukraine. ([The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#), [Global Witness](#))
- On thin ice: Norway's fossil ambitions and the EU's green energy future. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Oil Change International](#))

- Buy better to build better: Green public procurement can enable sustainable construction. ([ECOS](#))
- Making renewable heating accessible and affordable in the rental sector. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Transforming our buildings: Europe's path to sustainability. ([Irene Garcia](#))
- Dirty building habits block the way to truly climate-friendly buildings. ([CEW](#))
- The plastics industry knew for decades that recycling was a farce but misled the public, a report shows. ([Euronews](#))
- Revision of the EU waste shipment regulation. A [briefing](#).
- The Belgian reparability index includes the price of spare parts: will the EU level up with this ambition? ([Right to Repair](#))
- Better links between waste management, circular economy and climate change mitigation measures can boost GHG emission reductions. ([EEA](#))
- Resource management and polluter pays for Climate 2040 targets. ([IEEP](#))
- Strategies for increasing material efficiency and the use of secondary steel. ([EEB](#))
- Europe's battery innovation strategy is more relevant than ever. ([BEPA](#))
- Car manufacturers fail to deliver affordable electric cars, holding back the move to EVs - analysis. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Variants of just transitions in the European car industry. An [article](#).
- Towards seamless mobility-as-a-service. An [article](#).
- Reducing CO₂ emissions through policies promoting alternatives to urban driving. ([ICCT](#))
- Was low-cost public transport in Bonn a success? An evaluation of climate ticket users and lessons for transport operators. An [article](#).
- How is e-kerosene developing in Europe? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Member States slam door on platform work directive. ([Euractiv](#))
- Consumer rights: final approval for directive to empower consumers for green transition. ([Council](#))
- EU lowers limit values for toxic air, but does not yet meet WHO guidelines. ([The Guardian](#), [ClientEarth](#), [EEB](#), [EP](#), [Council](#), [Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- According to research, 'safe' air quality levels in the US, UK and EU are still harmful to health. ([The Guardian](#))
- How have Green Deal proposals to reduce and replace toxic and harmful substances been delayed and sidetracked. ([CEO](#))
- Climate change's invisible threats to mental health. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Belgian presidency organised a (closed) conference on industrial policy. ([CEO](#), [CEO](#), [EEB](#), [Euractiv](#), [Antwerp Declaration](#), [CEFIC](#), [Business Europe](#), [CEO](#), [CAN Europe](#), [CEO](#))
- Public subsidies for industry: Commission gives green light to German €4bn initiative. ([Euractiv](#))
- Šefčovič's plan to bring EU industry and green policy together. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU Commission eyes 'Juncker plan on steroids' to boost green investments. ([Euractiv](#))
- 'Building back better': a fulfilled promise? ([Lydia Korinek and Lukas Bertram](#))
- Redesigning business for sustainability. ([Daniel Wortel-London](#))
- The social pillar and the future of the EU social agenda. ([FEPS](#))
- Preparing Europe's governance systems for a fast and fair transition to a safer climate. ([E3G](#))
- An agreement on EU budget rules will make it impossible for member states to invest in the Just Transition. ([EEB](#))
- Food corporations call for EU corporate due diligence law to be finalised. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Just Transition: transforming the financial system for action. A report. ([Just Transition Finance Lab](#), [LSE](#))
- New European green bond standard will be a boon for issuers and investors. ([IEEFA](#))

- Green bond market practices: exploring the moral 'balance' between environmental and financial values. An [article](#).
- 90 per cent of eurozone banks fail to meet Paris targets. How can they get on track? ([RMI](#))
- Pressure on financial leaders to adjust rules EIB and taxonomy as push for defence. ([Euractiv](#))
- Council and Parliament agree on EU framework for carbon removal certification. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Commission](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Colombia vows to put nature at centre of global environmental negotiations. ([The Guardian](#))
- European Commission backtracks on Water Resilience Initiative. ([Euractiv](#))
- Ambitious new nature and biodiversity policies are needed, say environmental stakeholders. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU climate target 2040 - what does it mean for forests? ([Fern](#))
- 8 ways that stopping overfishing will promote biodiversity and help address climate change. ([The Conversation](#))
- How can European forests best benefit from the EU forest monitoring law? ([CAN Europe](#))
- From forests to the future: how natural climate solutions are changing lives around the world. ([WEF](#))
- Ensuring better environmental and climate performance from EU agricultural funds. ([IEEP](#))
- Farmers' protests: against whom the horn honks? ([Kristjan Bragason and Ludovic Voet](#))
- France relaxes pesticide controls in a handout to farmers. ([Politico](#))
- Despite COP28 promise, France maintains fossil fuel subsidies for farmers. ([Climate Home News](#))
- EU must boost demand for organic food, say stakeholders. ([Euractiv](#))
- Study examines whether EU trade offers new commercial opportunities for EU food exporters. ([Commission](#))
- Countries draw battle lines for talks on new climate finance target. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Loss and damage should be a focus of IPCC's next reports. ([Climate Home News](#))
- It's time to cancel debt for climate-stricken nations, Barbados leader says. ([Politico](#))

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Activities

- 2024-02-26 | [Towards a European Green and Social Deal, based on a wellbeing economy](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-02-29 | Online | [Green Deal and polycrisis: Aligning short-term reactions with long-term commitments](#)
- 2024-03-05 | [PRI 2030 Policy Roadmap for the EU](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-03-12 | Webinar | [Nature-based solutions at the climate-biodiversity-health nexus](#)
- 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 | [CEPR-NBB Joint Research Workshop on Reaching Net-Zero: Electricity Markets, Carbon Pricing, and Firms' Responses](#)
- 2024-03-20 | [The European connectivity landscape - What reforms are needed for a new era?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-04-02 – 2024-04-05 | [2024 Connecting Europe Days](#)
- 2024-04-10 | [Time to act: Plugging into the Green Deal. A new energy policy agenda fit for European consumers](#)
- 2024-04-15 – 2024-04-18 | [World Circular Economy Forum 2024](#)
- 2024-04-17 | [Europe's Leading Role in Mainstreaming Circular practice](#)
- 2024-04-17 | Hybrid | [Partnerships for circularity – Tackling the CRM value chain](#)
- 2024-06-11 – 2024-06-13 | [European Sustainable Energy Week 2024](#)
- 2024-06-18 – 2024-06-20 | Hybrid | [Nature-based Solutions Conference 2024](#)
- 2024-06-21 | [2nd Conference on Sustainable Banking & Finance CSBF 2024](#)

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Commission documents

- 2024-02-27 | [Advanced materials for industrial leadership](#)
- 2024-03-12 | [Climate resilience](#)
- 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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