



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 2024 was the warmest on record globally - Global sea temperature at record high. ([Copernicus](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Energy ministers met on 4 March. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Euronews](#))
- Arctic ice-free summers possible in next decade, scientists say. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Saving the planet means saving the world. ([Lisa Pelling](#))
- Global energy-related CO₂ emissions reach record high in 2023 - IEA. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Trump's election victory could increase US emissions by 4 billion tonnes by 2030. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- AI likely to increase energy consumption and accelerate climate misinformation - report. ([The Guardian](#))
- Fit for 55 package. A [briefing](#).
- Wind turbines and heat pumps in the community can be a win-win in the fight against fuel poverty and climate change. ([Euronews](#))
- It's time for the EU to come clean on heating. ([ECOS](#))
- Analysis of large-scale energy renovation of residential buildings and their impact on the power grid using a validated UBEM. An [article](#).
- EU finally exits 'climate-destroying' energy treaty (ECT). ([Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- The impact of deep decarbonisation policies on greenhouse gas emission levels in the European Union. An [article](#).
- Czech environment minister calls for extension of EU carbon limit measures. ([Euractiv](#))

- Sourcing critical raw materials through trade and cooperation agreements. ([IEEP](#))
- Due diligence rules: what next in the implementation? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The Global Resources Outlook 2024 has been published. ([Global Resource Panel](#))
- Deal on new rules for more sustainable packaging in the EU. ([EP](#), [Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#))
- Many returned and unsold textiles end up destroyed in Europe. ([EEA](#))
- Reading the small print: European Commission prepares the way for more sustainable printers. ([ECOS](#))
- Implementation of the EU digital battery passport. ([CEPS](#))
- Taking the EU's circular economy to the next level: Unlock the power of mixed waste sorting. ([Axel Darut and Janek Vahk](#))
- Advancing circular bioeconomy: A critical review and assessment of indicators. An [article](#).
- Electricity lobby calls for data sharing to promote EV use, but privacy concerns remain. ([Euractiv](#))
- Will national teams become sustainable travel champions at Euro 2024? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Quarterly European market monitor. European car and van market and charging infrastructure development: January-December 2023. ([ICCT](#))
- 'Green claims' directive: Protecting consumers from greenwashing. A [briefing](#).
- Cooking appliances: EU could clear the air with new ecodesign rules. ([ECOS](#))
- Microscopic plastic may increase risk of stroke and heart attack, according to research. ([The Guardian](#))
- 'Explosive growth' in petrochemical production poses public health risks. ([The Guardian](#))
- Carcinogenic PCB chemicals are still being produced despite 40-year-old ban. ([The Guardian](#))
- Europe's industrial decarbonisation at risk due to sharp drop in CO₂ price. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU's climate pot (ETS) is under pressure. ([Politico](#))
- Net zero industry law (NZIA). A [briefing](#).
- Why Europeans should go to the US for climate leadership tips. ([William Todts](#))
- Comparing EU companies' ambition with science-based targets with reductions imposed by EU regulations. An [article](#).
- Review of the Industrial Emissions Directive. A [briefing](#).
- Leading EPP lawmaker to challenge new EU livestock rules in final vote. ([Euractiv](#))
- First right to compensation in EU environmental law. ([ClientEarth](#))
- Creating an industrial emissions portal. A [briefing](#).
- Three pillars of just transition labour market policies. An [article](#).
- Deregulation of green policies jeopardises competitiveness Europe. ([Mats Engström](#))
- This is how to save the European Green Deal. ([Marushia Gislén and Emmy van Enk](#))
- 'Nothing is sacred': How the CSDDD saga lifted the veil on Brussels politics. ([Euractiv](#))
- Deal on EU ban on products made with forced labour. ([EP](#), [Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [ETUC](#))
- Revised due diligence law adds protection for farmers in food chain. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- PRI unveils 2030 EU policy roadmap to accelerate private investment in sustainable economic transition. ([PRI](#))
- European fund needed for green, digital transition. ([Age Bakker, Roel Beetsma and Marco Buti](#))
- Aligning government bond markets with net zero transition: the role of central banks. ([LSE](#))
- We need to talk about water - and the fact that the world is running out of it. ([George Monbiot](#))
- Nature-based water resilience cannot wait. ([EEB](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Commission warns of danger of water conflict in EU. ([Politico](#))
- Don't dismantle green CAP rules, say 330 European organisations. ([Arc2020](#), [EEB](#))

- The dependence of the EU food system on inputs and their sources. A [study](#). ([Euractiv](#))
- Study shows ammonia levels are four times higher in European agricultural areas. ([The Guardian](#))
- Financial toll of climate crisis hits women harder, according to UN. ([The Guardian](#))
- Brazil, Spain 'ready' to sign EU-Mercosur trade deal despite French opposition. ([Euractiv](#))
- Reflections on MC13: the way forward for trade and climate. ([E3G](#))

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Activities

- 2024-03-11 | Hybrid | [Global ocean governance: past, present, and future](#)
- 2024-03-11 | Hybrid | [Advancing SDGs through Sustainable and Just Economic Transformation](#)
- 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?](#)
- 2024-03-20 | Online | [EU Platform Compendium of Market Practices - Insights for investors](#)
- 2024-03-20 | [A New Era for the European Renovation Wave: Sharing Perspectives](#)
- 2024-03-20 | Hybrid | [Securing water for tomorrow - What course should the EU take?](#)
- 2024-03-20 | [European Corporate Governance Conference 2024](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-04-09 | [The future of EU industry: resilience or dependence](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-04-17 | Hybrid | [The impacts of EU circular textiles policies on trading partners](#)
- 2024-04-17 | [Hydropower - Enhancing Storage and Flexibility for a Greener Future](#)
- 2024-04-18 | Online | [National and regional circular economy and strategies: A global stocktake](#)
- 2024-04-18 | Online | [Organic farming in the EU - What role for a greener Europe?](#)
- 2024-04-20 | Hybrid | [Workshop for journalists: How to report on corporate net zero targets: telling greenwashing apart from real ambition](#)
- 2024-04-23 | Webinar | [Finance and the Global Biodiversity Framework: navigating the road to COP16](#)
- 2024-04-25 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #13: The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism](#)
- 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

- 2024-03-12 | [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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