



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

- Europe is not prepared for rapidly growing climate risks. A major new report from the EEA. ([EEA](#), [Politico](#), [The Guardian](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [E3G](#), [SEI](#), [JRC](#), [Eurocities](#), [Eurogroup for Animals](#))
- The Commission presented a communication on how to deal with climate risks. ([Commission](#), [Politico](#), [WWF](#))
- Warmest February on record, 9th warmest month in a row. ([Copernicus](#))
- A social-ecological contract for a Europe in transition. ([Béla Galgóczi](#))
- Governments must triple emissions cuts. ([Euronews](#))
- Newly elected leaders must be held to same climate commitments, says COP29 chief. ([The Guardian](#))
- New research concludes that climate framework laws have had a positive impact on climate action in New Zealand, Germany and Ireland. ([LSE](#))
- The 5 areas the EU should focus on to meet climate targets. ([WEF](#))
- European high-voltage grid investment gap wider than feared. ([Euractiv](#))
- Putting Europe's 2030 wind energy target within reach - turbine by turbine. ([WindEurope](#))
- European Parliament approves EU standard for solar power. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- The European Parliament approved the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) on 12 March. ([Euractiv](#), [EEB](#), [EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [Euronews](#), [WWF](#), [ICCT](#), [Construction21](#), [EEB](#))
- 'Very Finnish': Large sand battery to store wind and solar energy using crushed soapstone ([Euronews](#))

- After a slight increase in 2023, methane emissions from fossil fuels will soon decline. ([IEA](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- The oil industry has been trying to block government support for green technology since 1960. ([The Guardian](#))
- Shell abandons 2035 emissions target and weakens 2030 target. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Troubled waters: How North Sea countries are fuelling climate disaster. ([Oil Change International](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Major social and environmental organisations want the Waste Framework Directive to give a central role to the social economy. ([RREUSE](#))
- MEPs call for tougher EU rules to combat textile and food waste. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [EEB](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Just Style](#))
- A comprehensive overview of current repair incentive systems: repair funds and vouchers. ([Right to Repair](#))
- Euro 7: Parliament adopts measures to reduce road transport emissions. ([EP](#), [ICCT](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Internal combustion engine ban least popular climate policy in Germany, France, Poland, survey shows. ([Euractiv](#))
- CO₂ emissions standards and reporting requirements for new heavy-duty vehicles. A [briefing](#).
- EU must replace polluting cars and stop building new roads to meet 2040 climate target - analysis. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Beyond road signs: how the EU can drive circular vehicle design. ([META](#))
- What role can e-retrofitting play in decarbonising cars? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- New EU rules for private charging services and how member states can legislate more ambitiously. ([ICCT](#))
- Better use of rail infrastructure capacity. A [briefing](#).
- Smart logistics hubs: concept and classification. An [article](#).
- Platform workers: Council confirms agreement on new rules to improve their working conditions. ([Euractiv](#), [Council](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Parliament wants to better protect consumers from misleading claims. ([EP](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [EEB](#))
- Artificial Intelligence Act. A [briefing](#).
- Artificial Intelligence Act: MEPs adopt landmark law. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Air pollution in Europe improved in 20 years, say researchers. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- EU approves new livestock emissions rules after Parliament backs compromise. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [EEB](#))
- Industrial policy and Europe's just transition. ([Tommaso Grossi and Laura Rayner](#))
- Lessons from Germany for a just transition. ([Florian Ranft and Johanna Siebert](#))
- Joint letter to ministers calling for an EU policy framework for a just transition. ([EEB](#))
- Assessment of the sustainability of the European Green Deal and its coherence with the SDGs. An [article](#).
- Corporate reporting of sustainable development goals (SDGs): An empirical study of best-in-class companies. An [article](#).
- Belgian presidency still trying to get agreement on due diligence. ([Euractiv](#))
- Do the EU's new ESG rules make ratings more reliable? ([Giorgia Ranzato](#))
- The women championing climate action within the world's central banks. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Guidelines for setting climate targets for banks. ([UNEPFI](#))
- Parliamentary committee wants timeline for EU countries to improve soil health. ([Euractiv](#))
- Bio-economy leads to further exploitation of ecosystems. ([EEB](#))
- Commission ends CAP commitments to green agriculture. ([Euronews](#), [Arc2020](#))

- Commission says new animal welfare rules delayed in name of strategic dialogue. ([Euractiv](#))
- A fairer future for farmers is a greener future. ([ECF](#))
- Farmers have nothing to fear from green reforms and animal welfare reforms. ([Debbie Tripley](#))
- Beyond band-aids: Just Transition, Farmer protests and our broken economy. ([META](#))
- EU partnerships for clean transition with emerging economies. ([E3G](#))
- Making climate finance affordable. ([Rebecca Ray and Ulrich Volz](#))
- EU environment chief to address concerns over anti-deforestation legislation during tour of South America. ([Euractiv](#))

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Activities

- 2024-03-19 – 2024-03-20 | [CEPR-NBB Joint Research Workshop on Reaching Net-Zero: Electricity Markets, Carbon Pricing, and Firms' Responses](#)
- 2024-03-19 | Online | [Can climate laws help solve the climate crisis? Launch of a new study with evidence from Germany, Ireland and New Zealand](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-03-21 | [The ongoing quest for Social Europe](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-04-22 | Hybrid | [Financing the transition to a climate-neutral economy](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-05-09 | Online | [Investing for nature: building investor action on biodiversity loss](#)
- 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

- 2024-04-10 | [Communication on the clean transition dialogues – stocktaking](#)
- 2024-04-17 | [Joint Communication on a strengthened partnership with Africa](#)



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