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- 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

- Red alert: last year was markedly warmer than ever before, according to UN report ([WMO](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Climate adaptation becomes less effective as the world gets warmer. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Environment ministers meet on 25 March. ([Council](#), [E3G](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- COP28 target of tripling renewables only achievable with urgent global course correction. ([IRENA](#))
- Europe's wind industry braved a hurricane, now green transition targets are in sight. ([Euractiv](#))
- European wind energy targets 'back on track'. ([Euractiv](#), [WindEurope](#))
- Getting smarter? Europe struggles with interconnectivity of smart energy efficiency. ([Euractiv](#))
- Energy industry calls for long-term plans and flexible tariffs to finance grid expansion. ([Euractiv](#))
- Germany's emissions fell by record 10.1% in 2023: How are they cleaning up their act? ([Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Companies are still falling short of their targets to reduce methane use. ([Climate Home News](#))
- World's top fossil-fuel bosses deride efforts to move away from oil and gas. ([The Guardian](#))
- Commission presents parliament with Energy Charter Treaty exit plan. ([Euractiv](#))
- Factcheck: 18 misleading myths about heat pumps. ([CarbonBrief](#))

- Renovating buildings without leaving anyone behind. ([Eva Brardinelli](#))
- Carbon prices in the EU have halved in a year. But they should rise again. ([Hæge Fjellheim](#))
- EU gives final green light to critical raw materials strategy. ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#))
- Managing the environmental risks of mineral and metal extraction in the low-carbon transition: updates from UNEA-6. ([LSE](#))
- Now is the time to accelerate the shift to a more circular Europe. ([EEA](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Circular economy - wellbeing within planetary boundaries. ([Öko Institut](#))
- New packaging rules become law despite Commission objections. ([Euractiv](#))
- Nexus between urban circular economies and sustainable development goals: A systematic literature review. An [article](#).
- Europe's transport sector will account for almost half of the continent's emissions by 2030. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Towards a just transition in the automotive industry. ([IndustriAll](#))
- MaaS for sustainable and efficient transport in cities. ([Intelligent Transport](#))
- Count emissions EU: Measuring emissions from transport services. A [briefing](#).
- Platform workers in Europe: the new platform of rights. ([Antonio Aloisi and Valerio De Stefano](#))
- Platform workers: first green light for new EU rules on employment status. ([EP](#))
- Improving working conditions for platform workers. A [briefing](#).
- Sustainability made simple: 5 ways the EU is enabling greener choices. ([META](#))
- Research shows only seven countries meet WHO air quality standard. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Renewing the welfare state, Europe's green trump card. ([Philippe Pochet and Taube Van Melkebeke](#))
- Beyond just transition - ecology at work. ([Philippe Askenazy and Claude Didry](#))
- The Green Deal remains - EU party survey. ([WWF](#))
- Revealing insights into the sustainability principles of the Rio Declaration: A case of alternative concepts, mismatched (dis)connections and terminological evolution. An [article](#).
- New fiscal rules must support Europe's industrial ambition. ([Judith Kirton-Darling, Marco Mensink and William Todts](#))
- Coordination for EU competitiveness. A [study](#).
- Industrial competitiveness, the mantra of a second term of von der Leyen? ([Euractiv](#))
- Lobby groups call for business-friendly turn on EU Green Deal. ([Euractiv](#))
- Let's make a business case for the green transition. ([SMEunited](#))
- Implement a 2040 climate target for a competitive and just European Green Deal. ([PRI](#))
- Why are climate action cases rising? ([LSE](#))
- There is a watered-down political agreement on the due diligence framework. ([E3G](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Global Witness](#), [ECCJ](#))
- First green light to firms' impact on human rights and environment. ([EP](#))
- A new financial agenda for the EU. ([Aurora Li, Michael Peters and Uwe Zöllner](#))
- Do the EU's financial transition plans go far enough? ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Implications of the ECB's new operational framework for the green transition. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Dutch central bank identifies potential nature risks in its own portfolios. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Approval by EU countries of controversial nature restoration law hangs in the air. ([Euractiv](#))
- The European 'Business Case' for nature restoration. ([Noor Yafai](#))
- The Nature Restoration Act is the key to greening our future. ([ICLEI](#))
- As the political push for biodiversity falters, legal enforcement continues. ([Euractiv](#))
- Biodiversity, climate change and energy. A report. ([JRC](#))

- EU 'very far' from target to plant 3 billion trees, Commission admits. ([Politico](#))
- Directive on soil monitoring and resilience. A [briefing](#).
- Commission unveils new package exempting small farms from environmental controls. ([Euractiv](#), [Commissie](#), [WWF](#), [Euractiv](#), [EEB](#), [ECVC](#), [Arc2020](#))
- EU takes steps to speed up adoption of simplified green conditions for farmers. ([Euractiv](#))
- Air pollution deaths, acidic waters and DACC dependence – the cost of farmer compromises. ([Euractiv](#))
- Q&A: The impact of farmers' protests on the upcoming EU parliamentary elections. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Glyphosate lessons: is biodegradation of pesticides a harmless process for biodiversity? An [article](#).
- MEPs agriculture vote to exempt 'old varieties' from seed marketing rules. ([Euractiv](#), [IFOAM](#))
- 'Bewildering' to omit meat-eating reduction from UN climate plan. ([The Guardian](#))
- Banks drive increase in global meat and dairy production, report shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Green diplomacy: Council conclusions reaffirm EU's commitment to work closely with partners to accelerate a just and inclusive green transition globally. ([Council](#), [E3G](#))
- WTO ruled in favour of the EU on biodiesel from palm oil. What now for soya? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Women and girls suffer first when droughts hit poor and rural areas, says UN. ([The Guardian](#))
- West Africa heatwave was supercharged by climate crisis, study finds. ([The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))

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Activities

- 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](#)
- 2024-04-23 – 2024-04-24 | [Adaptation and resilience conference](#)
- 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](#)



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