



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

- On 25 March, environment ministers met. ([Euractiv](#), [Council](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Nature restoration bill fails to gain support at crucial member state meeting. ([Euractiv](#), [EEB](#), [WWF](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Reuters](#), [Arc2020](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Climate goals 2040: less ambitious than they seem. ([ETUI](#))
- More than half of European voters consider climate action a priority. ([Euronews](#))
- Antarctic sea ice 'behaving strangely' as North Pole reaches 'below average' winter peak. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- As climate officials prepare next steps in a globally agreed shift away from fossil fuels, oil and gas companies are firing back. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Wave of new US-led oil and gas activity threatens to kill Paris climate goals. ([The Guardian](#))
- Fossil gas growth in Europe accelerates climate crisis, activists say. ([The Guardian](#))
- Analysis: New oil and gas projects since 2021 could emit 14 billion tonnes of CO₂ ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Taking flawed national energy and climate plans to court. Lessons from previous cases. ([CAN Europe](#))
- The EU's double-counting problem. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Fit for 55 package: Reducing methane emissions in the power sector. A [briefing](#).
- Record growth in renewables, but progress must be equitable. ([IRENA](#))

- Too far or not far enough? These are Europe's most and least popular climate policies. ([Euronews](#))
- The building stock as a future stock of material for second use - An overview of urban mining methods. An [article](#).
- Critical crossroads for Europe's climate and resource strategy, coalition calls for sufficiency and resilience. ([EEB](#), [Fedarene](#))
- New report calls for replacing the European Waste Framework Directive with a materials-based directive to urgently alleviate the triple planetary crisis. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- EU says plan to ensure critical raw materials supply is not aimed at China. ([Euractiv](#))
- One in four EVs sold in Europe this year will be made in China - analysis. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Large shipping companies benefit from EU carbon emissions tax - survey. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Flixbus, Trainline, T&E call for lower rail tolls to make train travel more accessible. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Tolls: the highway to green freight transport. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The social representation of sustainable mobility: An exploratory study on social media networks. An [article](#).
- Impact of digital transformation on different social groups. A [study](#).
- Everyone has a breaking point: how the climate crisis affects our brains. ([The Guardian](#))
- Towards sustainable living in 2040: what consumers need. ([BEUC](#))
- Environmental crime: Council approves new EU law with tougher sanctions and expanded list of offences. ([Council](#))
- Calls for international criminal court to end 'impunity' for environmental crimes. ([The Guardian](#))
- The European Parliament and the origins of environmental policy. A [study](#).
- The European Parliament and the origins of social policy. A [study](#).
- Are there workers' environmental rights in EU law? ([ETUI](#))
- Uncertain future for EU Green Deal. ([ETUI](#))
- A revised and responsive governance regulation - Respect for democratic environmental rights in climate planning. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Fiscal follies: How new EU rules miss the mark on climate and welfare. ([EEB](#))
- Will climate risk trigger the next big financial crisis? ([Blair Bateson and Steven Rothstein](#))
- Credit rating agencies downgrade coal, oil and gas: climate change is now a clear risk category. ([Tom Sanzillo](#))
- Investing in Europe's prosperity. ([E3G](#))
- Extinction financed: EU banks finance nature destruction. ([Greenpeace](#))
- Accelerating corporate climate finance through carbon markets: overcoming the challenges. ([We Mean Business](#))
- A Union certification framework for carbon removal. A [briefing](#).
- Biodiversity experts alarmed by resistance to reversing ecosystem decline. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU Council backs relaxation of green CAP rules, paving way for swift adoption. ([Euractiv](#), [Council](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Preserving tomorrow: the need for the EU to maintain its 2030 goals for a sustainable food system. ([Harriet Bradley](#))
- Plant-based 'flexitarian' diets can help limit global warming, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- UN report says millions go hungry because a billion meals are thrown away every day. ([The Guardian](#))
- Farmers' protests: The wrong U-turn. ([Angela Hilmi and Emile Frison](#))
- Expectations mount as loss and damage fund staggers to its feet. ([Climate Home News](#))

- Macron calls proposed EU-Mercosur trade deal 'very bad deal' without strong climate commitments. ([The Guardian](#))
- Macron open to new EU-Mercosur deal. ([Euractiv](#))

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Activities

- 2024-04-02 – 2024-04-05 | [2024 Connecting Europe Days](#)
- 2024-04-09 | [The future of EU industry: resilience or dependence](#)
- 2024-04-09 | Online | [CCRM 2024 - Are corporate 2030 climate plans fit for purpose?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-04-17 | [Towards a green and just transition](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-05-02 | [Sustainable Investment Forum Europe](#)
- 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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