

## General

- The European Commission presented the <u>European Green Deal</u> proposal (<u>communication + roadmap</u>) 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 <u>a resolution</u> 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's new energy risk: Trading Russia for America. (Politico)
- Election of Donald Trump 'could put world's climate goals at risk'. (The Guardian)
- Climate policy in 2023. An article. (Nature)
- Factcheck: Why the recent 'acceleration' in global warming is what scientists expect. (CarbonBrief)
- Just 57 companies responsible for 80% of greenhouse gas emissions since 2016. (<u>The Guardian</u>)
- Grids threaten to hold back Europe's energy transition. (Elisabeth Cremona)
- From crisis to climate: Europe's energy diplomacy after two years of war in Ukraine. (ECFR)
- How the next European Commission can ensure clean and affordable energy for all. (HBS)
- Industry and energy sector emissions in Europe to fall 15% by 2023. (<u>Euractiv</u>)
- Why carbon offsetting should die out but healthy carbon markets should live on. (<u>Carbon Market Watch</u>)
- Buildings: how can Europe reduce emissions from construction? (<u>Carolina Kyllmann</u>)
- More efficient and flexible buildings are key to a transition to clean energy. (IEA)
- Commission alarmed by lack of critical substances, but what makes a raw material 'critical'? (Euractiv)
- Salt, air and bricks: is this the future of energy storage? (The Guardian)
- Large electric heat pumps could be key to decarbonising European industry. (Euractiv)

- Taxonomy of design options for deconstruction to enable circular economy in buildings. An article.
- EU transport ministers discuss 'problem child' of green transition. (Euractiv)
- Adapting incentives for zero-emission vehicles for a mainstream market. (ICCT)
- 'Social leasing' pilot project: lessons from an unexpected success. (IDDRI)
- New research: Climate change means heatwaves last longer, have a higher peak and hurt more people (Euronews)
- Drowning in nitrates: solving water pollution in Europe. (META)
- EU launches subsidy probe into Chinese solar PV firms. (Euractiv)
- EU officials try to prove that trade and technology council will survive Trump. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Euronews</u>)
- Crucial European Green Deal package staggers to legislative conclusion. (Ajit Niranjan)
- The EU's big green retreat benefits the far right. For the rest of us, it's an impending disaster. (Arthur Neslen)
- Honesty needed to save just transition in EP elections. (Wouter van de Klippe)
- How to ensure that due diligence policies actually address deforestation? (<u>SEI</u>)
- Report: French banks highly exposed to transition risks. (Green Central Banking)
- Research shows climate change could increase food inflation globally. (<u>Green Central Banking</u>)
- EU Council position hardens against Nature Restoration Law. (<u>Euractiv</u>)
- UN appoints experienced EU official Astrid Schomaker as new biodiversity chief. (<u>The Guardian</u>)
- Linked global threats: climate change, biodiversity loss and infectious diseases. (The Lancet)
- Crumbling foundations: What the EU is doing to protect soil health. (META)
- EU pumps four times more money into growing animals than plants. (The Guardian)
- "We must deliver" The Future of Agricultural Transition in Europe. (Arc2020)
- Easter egg prices soar as cocoa crops are hit by climate crisis and exploitation. (<u>The Guardian</u>)
- Global rainforest loss continues at rate of 10 football fields per minute (<u>The Guardian</u>, Climate Home News)
- What lies ahead for green trade in the WTO after the 13th ministerial conference (IEEP)

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## **Activities**

- 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
- 2024-04-10 | Hybrid | Aligning Investor Policies, Programs and Practices to the System-Level
- 2024-04-15 | Hybrid | Strategic prioritisation for EU climate policy in 2024–2029
- 2024-04-15 | Online | The Social-ecological dimension of the European Green Deal
- 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 | <u>Adaptation and resilience conference</u>
- 2024-04-25 | Hybrid | Environmental Law Lecture #13: The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
- 2024-05-02 | <u>Sustainable Investment Forum Europe</u>
- 2024-05-06 | A blueprint for a socially just EGD 2.0
- 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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