

## General

- The European Commission presented the <u>European Green Deal</u> proposal (<u>communication + roadmap</u>) on 11 December 2019.
- The European Council of <u>12 December 2019</u> 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**

- March 2024 will be the tenth warmest month on record. (<u>Copernicus</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>, <u>The Guardian</u>, <u>Euronews</u>, <u>Copernicus</u>)
- Scientists confirm record highs for three main heat-trapping gases. (The Guardian)
- Simply mind-boggling: temperature jump world record in Antarctica raises fears of catastrophe. (The Guardian)
- 'Two years to save the world': UN climate chief calls for faster action and more funding. (<u>Euronews</u>, <u>Climate Home News</u>)
- How climate change could reverse progress in global inequality. (CarbonBrief)
- According to research, global warming gases are being smuggled into Europe. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Euronews</u>)
- Human rights violated by Swiss inaction on climate, ECHR rules in landmark case. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Reuters</u>, <u>Reuters</u>, <u>Politico</u>, <u>Euronews</u>, <u>The Guardian</u>, <u>WWF</u>, <u>CIEL</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Climate Home</u>
  News, <u>ECHR</u>, <u>COE</u>, <u>Reuters</u>, <u>ClientEarth</u>, <u>Reuters</u>, <u>CEW</u>, <u>LSE</u>, <u>Euronews</u>, <u>Reuters</u>, <u>Reuters</u>)
- Biggest economies pump billions into fossil fuels in poor countries. (<u>The Guardian</u>, <u>Oil International</u>)
- Ensuring social, economic and climate stability through the EU's strategic agenda. (E3G)
- Slow improvement in corporate climate targets threatened by potential new compensation loophole. (New Climate Institute, Carbon Market Watch, Amnesty International)
- SBTi needs tougher rules on indirect emissions from companies. (<u>Climate Home News</u>, <u>Carbon Market Watch</u>, <u>The Guardian</u>)

- Europe's industrialists want deep reform of power market to tackle €800b grid spending gap. (Euractiv)
- Parliament approves EU electricity market reform. (EP, Euractiv, Euractiv)
- MEPs approve reforms for a more sustainable and resilient EU gas market. (EP, CAN Europe)
- Methane: Parliament passes new law to reduce emissions from energy sector. (EP, Euractiv)
- European Parliament committees vote to withdraw EU from Energy Charter Treaty (ECT).
  (Euractiv)
- Think tank estimates cost of French climate adaptation at €5-20 billion a year. (Euractiv)
- EU and international partners agree to expand cooperation on critical raw materials.
  (Commission)
- MEPs approve tougher CO<sub>2</sub> emission targets for trucks and buses. (EP, Euractiv, Transport & Environment)
- The misguided fight against the 2025 car target. (<u>Transport & Environment</u>)
- Carbon pricing crucial to make transport greener, says Volvo boss. (Euractiv)
- The bigger, the better? How does battery size affect energy consumption, running costs and lifetime emissions of electric vehicles? A report. (ICCT)
- Better use of railway infrastructure capacity. A <u>briefing</u>.
- Drought proves that the EU's water resilience urgently needs a holistic strategy. (Euractiv)
- New EU rules for better treatment and reuse of urban wastewater. (EP, Euractiv)
- Urban wastewater treatment: updating EU rules. A <u>briefing</u>.
- Breton pushes for upcoming EU solar charter. (Euractiv)
- EU launches investigation into Chinese wind turbines under new foreign subsidy regulation. (WindEurope, Euractiv)
- Commission takes stock of Clean Transition Dialogues with EU industry and social partners.
  (Commission)
- An EU Industrial Deal should learn from the shortcomings of the EU Green Deal. (Solidar)
- Should democracies cooperate with autocracies on climate? (E3G)
- Has the Commission's Green Deal met expectations? (<u>Euronews</u>)
- Green Deal: make the case, not concessions. (The Guardian)
- Voters want a just transition and more, not less, green investment ahead of European elections. (Jannik Jansen)
- Promoting climate justice: An EU wealth tax. (META, Euractiv)
- An EU blueprint for basic services. (<u>ZOE Institute</u>)
- Price stability has everything to do with climate change. (Bruegel)
- Leveraging sustainable finance for energy transition. (Eurelectric)
- Report: climate risk should be considered from an actuary perspective. (Green Central Banking)
- Research: Tax rules stop new schools and hospitals. (ETUC)
- The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable ocean. (Nature)
- Carbon removal: MEPs approve new EU certification system. (EP, Euractiv, EEB)
- Parliament weakens obligations of member states under EU soil legislation. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>EP</u>, <u>EEB</u>, <u>Euronews</u>)
- Targeted CAP amendments on environmental conditionality. A <u>briefing</u>.
- MEPs weaken EU agriculture policy. (<u>ClientEarth</u>, <u>Greenpeace</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>)
- A fairer future for farmers is a greener future for Europe. (Laurence Tubiana)
- Today's rotten food systems, a misguided CAP and the road out of crisis. (META)
- Eco-ambitions scrapped from EU leaders' 5-year plan. (Arc2020, Politico)
- EU leaders may be missing a rendezvous with history. (<u>Patrick ten Brink</u>)
- EU leaders want to make food security top priority for strategic agenda 2024-2029.
  (Euractiv)

- Protecting animals during transport. A briefing.
- In-depth questions and answers: How is climate change driving human migration? (CarbonBrief)
- How Nigeria is reeling from extreme heat fuelled by climate change. (<u>CarbonBrief</u>)

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## **Activities**

- 2024-04-15 | Hybrid | Strategic prioritisation for EU climate policy in 2024–2029
- 2024-04-15 | Online | The circular economy we want for Europe 2024-2029
- 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>
- 2024-04-24 | Webinar | The air we breathe: Regional and local perspectives on air quality policy in the EU and UK
- 2024-04-25 | Hybrid | Environmental Law Lecture #13: The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
- 2024-04-25 | Online | The social-ecological dimension of the European Green Deal
- 2024-05-02 | <u>Sustainable Investment Forum Europe</u>
- 2024-05-02 | Accelerating renewable energy deployment
- 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
- 2024-06-03 2024-06-04 | Hybrid | <u>Unpacking the Green Deal: Redefining approaches</u>, <u>shifting methodologies</u>
- 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
- 2024-06-26 | Hybrid | Conference on Affordable Energy: Turning civil society views into action

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## **Commission documents**

- 2024-05-22 | <u>Discussion on the future of EU agriculture with Prof. P. Strohschneider</u>
- 2024-06-12 | 2025 Draft budget



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