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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

- From widespread flooding to severe heatwaves, ESOTC 2023 puts Europe's climate in the spotlight. ([Copernicus](#), [Copernicus](#), [WMO](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euractiv](#))
- State of the climate: 2024 gets off to a record warm start. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Peak COP? UN wants to shrink climate summits in Baku and Belém. ([Climate Home News](#))
- What's next for the EU energy market? (Euractiv [part 1](#) – [part 2](#))
- Has Europe's hydropower potential been exhausted? ([Euractiv](#))
- New analysis: EU countries raise 2030 solar targets by 90%, but grid planning lags. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- Tripling renewable energy: European G7 leaders must turn words into action. ([Katie Altieri](#))
- Delivering the COP28 consensus on tripling renewable energy by 2030. ([E3G](#))
- Energy efficiency coalition seeks to close investment gap. ([Euronews](#))
- Rapid expansion of batteries is crucial to meet COP28 climate and energy security targets. ([IEA](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Making the transition to clean energy succeed in the EU. ([EPC](#))
- Analysis of the implementation of EU provisions for the transition to clean energy in selected member states. A report. ([Ecologic](#))
- Germany, Poland and France: Reshaping a green Weimar triangle. ([Marion Guénard and Sylwia Andralojc-Bodych](#))
- Energy tax directive: No progress expected before EU elections. ([Euractiv](#))
- Energy system infrastructure and hydrogen investment. A [study](#).

- Climate change creates a 'cocktail' of serious health risks for 70 per cent of the world's workers, ILO report concludes. ([ILO](#), [Euronews](#))
- More than half of the world's largest private companies fail to set targets for net zero emissions. ([Euractiv](#), [Net Zero Tracker](#))
- People first: why healthy buildings matter. ([Oliver Rapf](#))
- Fairly decarbonising homes: a sufficiency approach. ([Ian Gough](#), [Stefan Horn](#), [Charlotte Rogers and Rebecca Tunstall](#))
- Dynamic electricity prices: the missing piece in the transition to clean heating? ([BEUC](#))
- EU ETS key milestones in policy and advocacy. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- MEPs approve EU withdrawal from Energy Charter Treaty (ECT). ([EP](#), [The Guardian](#), [CAN Europe](#), [CEO](#))
- MEPs think Commission should do something about critical raw materials strategy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Strengthening the EU's green sovereignty through the Critical Raw Materials Act. ([Camille Defard and Thibaud Voïta](#))
- Process raw materials in Africa, calls out top environmentalist. ([The Guardian](#))
- New EU rules on reducing, reusing and recycling packaging. ([EP](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [RREUSE](#))
- European Parliament votes to 'greenwash' recycled material in latest resolution on accounting method Single-Use Plastic Directive, say environmental NGOs. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- Research shows 60 companies are responsible for half the world's plastic pollution. ([The Guardian](#))
- 'Privileged access': pro-plastic lobbyists at UN pollution talks increased by a third. ([The Guardian](#))
- EU parliament approves new 'ecodesign' rules to make products more sustainable. ([Euractiv](#), [META](#))
- Right to repair: Making repair easier and more attractive to consumers. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Just Style](#), [BEUC](#), [Right to Repair](#))
- EU 2050 net zero targets at risk due to setbacks in EV rollout. ([Euractiv](#))
- The global electric car fleet continues to grow strongly, with sales expected to reach 17 million by 2024. ([IEA](#), [The Guardian](#))
- A streamlined EV 'eco-score' would encourage green electric cars made in Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- A smart industrial policy to fast-track the electric vehicle revolution in Europe. ([Julia Poliscanova and Simone Tagliapietra](#))
- Zeroing in on zero emissions – A sharp bend ahead. ([ECA](#))
- EU parliament passes law allowing longer cross-border goods trains. ([Euractiv](#))
- Parliament adopts platform work directive. ([EP](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Review of EU air quality legislation: setting a zero pollution target for air. A [briefing](#).
- Air pollution: Parliament adopts revised law to improve air quality. ([EP](#), [EEB](#))
- Climate-friendly Paris Olympics focused on low-carbon, recycled construction. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission defines principles to limit most harmful chemicals to essential uses. ([Commission](#))
- Only one of the 13 benchmarks of the EU chemicals strategy fully met. ([EEB](#))
- Mosquito-borne diseases spread in Europe due to climate crisis, says expert. ([The Guardian](#))
- Artificial intelligence, labour and society. A report. ([ETUI](#))
- Visions on industrial policy. ([Sirpa Pietikäinen](#), [Laura Ballarín](#), [Matthias Ecke](#), [Mohammed Chahim and Raphael Glucksmann](#), [Bas Eickhout](#), [Michael Bloss and Sara Matthieu](#))
- Expected labour market effects of the Green Deal Industrial Plan. ([FEPS](#))

- MEPs approve plans to boost production of Net Zero technology in Europe. ([EP](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Researchers call on Europe to 'embrace' deindustrialisation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Discussions on the future of the Green Deal. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [Tim Elias Peter](#), [Euractiv](#))
- The Green Deal, five years on: Introducing a compass for Europe's carbon neutrality. ([Jérôme Creel](#), [Eloi Laurent](#), [Emma Laveissière](#))
- European ruling linking climate change to human rights could be a game changer - here's how. ([Charlotte E. Blattner](#))
- New EU tax rules approved by MEPs. ([CER](#), [ETUC](#), [EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [IndustriAll](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Due diligence: MEPs adopt rules for companies on human rights and environment. ([Isabelle Schömann](#), [EP](#), [ClientEarth](#), [IISD](#), [Global Witness](#), [Eurosif](#), [ETUC](#), [Fair Trade International](#), [Just Style](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#))
- Towards a €1 trillion package for Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Fewer reporting requirements means less protection for workers, warns union head. ([Euractiv](#))
- Corporate social responsibility. A [briefing](#).
- ECB indirectly supports fossil fuel companies, according to research. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Positive impact investments need a clearer label. ([Jana Bour](#))
- ECB report: climate commitments banks ineffective. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- European banks' prudential transition plans should support climate neutrality goals. ([IEEFA](#))
- New EPA-EIB research: EU single market is a key catalyst for scaling up clean and sustainable technologies. ([EIB](#))
- NGFS calls for international guidance to mobilise transition capital. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- High Seas Convention: EU votes to ratify landmark international law to protect oceans. ([Euronews](#))
- Plant apocalypse: how new diseases are destroying trees and crops in the EU. ([The Guardian](#))
- New EU nature law will fail without farmers, scientists warn. ([The Guardian](#))
- Confidential legal advice on CAP Fast Track revealed. (Arc2020 [part 1](#) – [part 2](#))
- European Parliament voted to relax green rules for farmers. ([Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [ClientEarth](#), [BirdLife](#), [Politico](#), [IFOAM](#), [EEB](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Euronews](#))
- Commission changes position on controversial insecticide and proposes zero residues in food. ([Euractiv](#))
- Europe needs better pesticide policy to reduce impact on biodiversity. Some [articles](#).
- Increasing resilience to climate change through sustainable agricultural practices. ([IEEP](#))
- Global billionaire tax to fight climate change, hunger rises on political agenda. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Tensions mount over who will contribute to new climate finance target. ([Climate Home News](#))

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Activities

- 2024-04-30 | Online | [Value addition in the context of mineral processing](#)
- 2024-05-02 | [Sustainable Investment Forum Europe](#)
- 2024-05-02 | [Accelerating renewable energy deployment](#)
- 2024-05-02 | Hybrid | [Addressing climate inequality](#)

- 2024-05-06 | [A blueprint for a socially just EGD 2.0](#)
- 2024-05-06 | Online | [Revival of EU Single Market - Defining the road ahead](#)
- 2024-05-07 | Online | [European Parliament Elections and the Future of the European Green Deal](#)
- 2024-05-08 | Online | [A roadmap to EU forest resilience - Tackling climate change and forest disturbances](#)
- 2024-05-09 | Online | [Investing for nature: building investor action on biodiversity loss](#)
- 2024-05-13 | Online | [The role of impact investing within sustainable finance](#)
- 2024-05-16 | Online | [Delivering the European Green Deal - towards a coherent and integrated EU ocean policy framework for offshore renewable wind energy and biodiversity](#)
- 2024-05-23 | Online | [Surfing green policies: opportunities for sustainable businesses](#)
- 2024-05-23 | Online | [Building a sustainable future - The revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#)
- 2024-05-29 | [EU's climate action - What's the way forward?](#)
- 2024-06-03 – 2024-06-04 | Hybrid | [Unpacking the Green Deal: Redefining approaches, shifting methodologies](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-06-27 | Hybrid | [Global trends in climate litigation](#)

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Commission documents

- 2024-05-22 | [Discussion on the future of EU agriculture – with Prof. P. Strohschneider](#)
- 2024-06-12 | [2025 Draft budget](#)
- 2024-06-19 | [European Semester spring package](#)



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