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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

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- G7 ministers agree 2035 coal exit, sextupled energy storage and 'water coalition'. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [IISD](#), [WWF](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [IEA](#), [IRENA](#), [Oil Change International](#), [CAN International](#))
- EU grid action plan will help renewables, but urgent action needed against excessive connection queues ([WindEurope](#))
- Cities are key to a climate-resilient Europe, stronger adaptation targets can drive progress. A report. ([EEA](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#))
- Governments can help cities provide innovative and people-centred solutions to drive the transition to clean energy. ([IEA](#))
- Support communities that will lose out in the energy transition. ([Nature](#))
- National policies and best practices for citizen engagement in the energy transition. ([Notre Europe](#))
- Worst wine harvest in 62 years due to 'extreme' weather and climate change. ([Euronews](#))
- Urgent call to strengthen final NECP updates in 18 EU countries. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Ribera: Spain has 'huge problems with France' over cross-border energy links. ([Euractiv](#))
- Despite failed projects and hundreds of millions of euros in public funding, the EU has stepped up policies to support carbon capture, recovery and storage (CCUS) over the past two years. ([CEO](#))
- Methane emissions from gas flaring are hidden from satellite imagery. ([The Guardian](#))

- Collaborative practices to decarbonise buildings. ([E3G](#))
- Countries consider pact to cut plastic production by 40% in 15 years. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- 'More than a number': Global plastic talks need community experts. ([Heather McTeer Toney](#))
- UN panel seeks to address abuses around mining of 'critical minerals'. ([The Guardian](#))
- Indigenous countries are feeling the cruel bite of green energy transition. ([Climate Home News](#))
- EU sees push for raw materials, but are the framework conditions in place for investment? ([Euractiv](#))
- An urgent transition to a recovery-oriented and circular economy. ([Triodos](#))
- Vehicle circularity: Design, production, end-of-life and waste management. A [briefing](#).
- V2G: transforming electric vehicles into driving energy storage. ([RaboBank](#))
- Income, charging infrastructure and other factors - What influences the use of electric cars in cities? A case study of Stuttgart, Germany. ([ICCT](#))
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- Plane to see. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Euronews](#))
- Air France, Lufthansa Group airlines part of EU greenwashing investigation. ([Euractiv](#))
- 'Deliberately ambitious': Eurostar pledges to power its trains with 100% renewable energy by 2030. ([Euronews](#))
- European rail alliance targets skills and people shortages. ([Euractiv](#))
- Belgian insurer urges politicians to strengthen low-emission zones. ([The Guardian](#))
- Research shows PFAS increases risk of death from cardiovascular disease. ([The Guardian](#))
- Rapidly rising levels of TFA 'forever chemicals' alarm experts. ([The Guardian](#))
- Vestager says investigations into Chinese companies are not a message to Beijing. ([Euractiv](#))
- Global shift in green steel projects: big investments move from Europe to Asia. ([SEI](#))
- Europe is still debating its green industrial strategy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Net Zero Industry Act: EU commits to an active industrial policy. ([Lukas Hermwille and Anna Leipprand](#))
- A new EU industrial agreement with developing countries. ([ECDPM](#))
- Securing the competitiveness of energy-intensive industries through structural change: The attractiveness of renewables. ([PIK](#))
- Clean technologies can harmonise steel production and climate protection. ([Wuppertal Institut](#))
- Chinese EV makers risk tougher duties over failure to cooperate with EU probe. ([Politico](#))
- Recovery and resilience plans: stakeholder engagement and their views. A [study](#).
- Contesting equitable transitions: Climate delay and the contradictions of labour environmentalism. An [article](#).
- Is the world getting out of control? ([Jan Zielonka](#))
- EU Overshoot Day is already here - "Unsustainable and irresponsible". ([WWF](#), [Transport & Environment](#))
- Higher consumption does not improve wellbeing, according to Happy Planet Index. ([Euractiv](#))
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- The promises and pitfalls of a green supply chain. ([Swarnodeep Homroy and Asad Rauf](#))
- Council approves directive to defer reporting requirements for certain sectors and third-country companies. ([Council](#))
- Economic governance review: Council approves reform of fiscal rules. ([Council](#))
- Improved scenarios for climate stress tests. ([LSE](#))

- Tipping points in ecosystems: the role of financial authorities in preventing them. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Sustainable finance: a path to stability and resilience in the South. ([WWF](#))
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- How to solve the cash flows that are pushing our planet to the brink. ([Teresa Anderson](#))
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- Climate change could be the leading cause of biodiversity loss by mid-century. ([PIK](#))
- COP16: Tracking countries' commitments to address biodiversity loss. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Integrating biodiversity targets into sectoral policies and plans: An overview from the perspective of biodiversity policy integration. An [article](#).
- Pricing the priceless: Lessons from carbon markets for biodiversity credits. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
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- A deathblow for the legitimacy of the CAP. ([PAN](#))
- Austrian agriculture and economy ministers urge von der Leyen to delay EU law against deforestation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission considers weakening peat protection requirement for farmers. ([Euractiv](#))
- European Commission extends emergency rules on state aid to farmers. ([Euractiv](#))
- How rioting farmers unravelled Europe's ambitious climate plan. ([Jan Dutkiewicz](#))
- Cocoa farmers face production shortfall as EU rules against deforestation threaten. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU rules on deforestation and carbon tax pave way for new 'mirror clauses'. ([Euractiv](#))
- Taxing big fossil fuel companies 'could raise \$900bn in climate finance' by 2030. ([The Guardian](#))
- Limiting frontline voices in the Loss and Damage Fund is a recipe for disaster. ([Liane Schalatek, Lien Vandamme and Isatis Cintron-Rodriguez](#))
- Key factors likely to shape the EU's trade agenda over the next five years. A [briefing](#).

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Activities

- 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](#)
- 2024-05-08 | Hybrid | [Climate change and risk](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-05-15 | Hybrid | [Power-to-heat - How can it decarbonise district heating?](#)
- 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](#)

- 2024-05-22 | Online | [Pathways towards Sustainable Transformation in the EU: The Role of Industry](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-05-28 | Online | [Fahrenheit 2040: heating and cooling in the EU](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-06-03 | Webinar | [EU Green Deal 5 years later: where do we stand?](#)
- 2024-06-04 | Online | [EU agrifood policy - Navigating the next mandate](#)
- 2024-06-10 | Online | [Stakeholder engagement on biodiversity loss risk for insurers](#)
- 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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