



## 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

- World's top climate scientists expect global warming to exceed 1.5C target. ([The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Global temperature record set continues - April 2024 was the warmest on record. ([Copernicus](#), [Euronews](#))
- Record rise in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> worldwide. ([The Guardian](#))
- CO<sub>2</sub> removal 'gap' shows countries 'making no progress' on 1.5°C warming limit. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Big polluters 'may retain or expand fossil fuels' despite 'net zero' plans. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Wired for climate neutrality - A roadmap for electricity grids compatible with Paris Agreement. ([CAN Europe](#), [EEB](#))
- Europe's looming power grid roadblock: Transformers. ([Euractiv](#))
- More than 30% of the world's electricity now comes from renewables, report shows. ([Euronews](#), [Ember](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- Global solar photovoltaic production capacity is already meeting what is needed for net zero production this decade, and battery capacity is coming close, a new report shows. ([IEA](#))
- EU standard for rooftop solar alone could power 56 million homes. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- EU Green Deal target of disinformation ahead of June vote. ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU must reclaim its leadership on climate. ([Hanne Knaepen](#))
- EU lawmaker Peter Liese already looking forward to next carbon price review. ([Euractiv](#))
- Mining for critical materials must not undermine confidence. ([Lisa Pelling](#))

- Resource nationalism in the age of green industrialisation. ([Poorva Karkare](#))
- Is overconsumption the 'elephant in the room' in the energy transition? ([Eric Bisil](#))
- The textile industry must reform its practices now or risk slipping further into an unsustainable and harmful business model. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- There is little hope for manufacturing restrictions in new global pact against plastic pollution. ([Climate Home News](#))
- How a new European standard could make washing machines more sustainable. ([ECOS](#))
- Response to Letta report: An encouraging approach for stronger social enterprises and a circular single market. ([RREUSE](#))
- Greening corporate fleets: an industrial and social policy for Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Truck manufacturers' hidden carbon problem. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- European governments acknowledge airline greenwashing denounced by consumer groups. ([BEUC](#))
- Airlines clash with EU over greenwashing claims. ([Politico](#))
- Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions: NGOs, airlines and aviation industry players call on European Commission to monitor non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from all flights. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Time's up: The Council of Europe must enshrine the right to a healthy environment in law. ([CIEL](#))
- Research shows Europeans see natural disasters as a greater threat than armed conflict. ([Euronews](#))
- EU says information from three Chinese EV manufacturers is insufficient. ([Euractiv](#))
- UN expert attacks 'exploitative' global economy in fight to save planet. ([The Guardian](#))
- 'Mayday, Mayday': EU Overshoot Day heralds an SOS for the European Green Deal. ([Patrick Ten Brink](#))
- Is the European Green Deal really leaving no one behind? ([ETUI](#))
- Can the Green Deal survive in the age of fear? ([Andrea Renda](#))
- Limiting climate change is no longer enough. Europeans need protection. ([Iratxe García Pérez and Mohammed Chahim](#))
- What does the European Court of Human Rights' first ruling on climate change mean for climate policy? ([LSE](#))
- 4 ways the climate crisis could affect your income. ([WEF](#))
- Research shows biodiversity loss is biggest cause of infectious disease outbreaks. ([The Guardian](#))
- Plans to monitor global biodiversity risk harming indigenous peoples' rights. ([Amnesty International](#))
- Bumblebee nests are overheating to fatal levels, study finds. ([The Guardian](#))
- Farming for a water-resilient future. ([IEEP](#))
- What the EU survey of farmers tells - and doesn't tell - us about CAP burden. ([Arc2020](#))
- World Bank calls for sharp increase in investment to halve agri-food emissions. ([Euractiv](#))
- Reducing use and improved monitoring can help tackle antimicrobial pollution from livestock, fish farming. ([EEA](#))
- UN agrees carbon market safeguards to tackle green land grabbing. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Seismic shifts are underway to find funding for Loss and Damage. ([Avinash Persaud](#))
- Commission on Loss and Damage accelerates work to give countries direct access to funds. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Poor countries must be transparent on climate spending, says COP29 leader. ([The Guardian](#))
- Disease and hunger rise in Latin America after floods and drought, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))

- EU seeks approval of trade deal with Mercosur after elections, says chief negotiator Brussels. ([Euractiv](#))

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### Activities

- 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](#)
- 2024-05-21 | Online | [Orientation debate on Biodiversity & Climate: advancing on a sustainable financial architecture](#)
- 2024-05-21 | Webinar | [2024 EU Elections and beyond: Civil Society & Think Tanks on the future of environmental transition](#)
- 2024-05-22 | Online | [Pathways towards Sustainable Transformation in the EU: The Role of Industry](#)
- 2024-05-22 | [Klimaattransitieplannen van bedrijven in België: financiële, methodologische en praktische aspecten](#) - [Les plans de transition climatique des entreprises en Belgique: aspects financiers, méthodologiques et pratiques](#)
- 2024-05-22 | Hybrid | [CBAM and carbon pricing: forging fair paths to climate stability](#)
- 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?](#)
- 2024-05-31 | [Shaping a new social contract for AI](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-06-20 | Hybrid | [Addressing air pollution in the EU: financing and policy](#)
- 2024-06-21 | [2nd Conference on Sustainable Banking & Finance CSBF 2024](#)
- 2024-06-24 | [Klimaat en economisch bestuur in een Europees kader: welke implicaties voor België? - Le climat et la gouvernance économique dans un cadre européen : quelles implications pour la Belgique ?](#)
- 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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