



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

- Brutal heatwaves and flooded cities: what a 3°C world would look like. ([The Guardian](#))
- Research shows elderly people's exposure to heat will double globally by 2050. ([The Guardian](#))
- 'No alternative': EU climate chief urges MEPs not to use crisis as political tool. ([The Guardian](#))
- Review of Governance Regulation and European Climate Law. ([GreenDeal-NET](#))
- Commission takes stock of how key climate legislation is working. ([Commission](#))
- Environmental determinants of health, including those caused by climate change. A [study](#).
- Climate-related health risks from floods, drought and water quality call for urgent action. ([EEA](#))
- The Lancet Countdown's Europe 2024 report on health and climate change: unprecedented warming calls for unprecedented action. An [article](#). ([LSE](#))
- Brussels updates rules for accelerated renewable zones, limited auctions. ([Euractiv](#), [Commissie](#), [CAN Europe](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Wind Europe](#))
- Owning the just transition: citizen participation in South African and German wind farms compared. An [article](#).
- Fossil fuels generated less than a quarter of EU electricity in April. ([Euronews](#))
- Fossil fuel companies are forcing countries to compensate them, says Mary Robinson. ([The Guardian](#))
- Environmental groups call for a new EU Deal: green, social and fit for an economy within planetary limits. ([EEB](#), [Patrick ten Brink](#))

- Meeting the skills challenge: building a future-oriented renewable energy workforce. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- Von der Leyen criticised for 'huge' climate mistakes. ([Politico](#))
- Regional cooperation key to harnessing hydrogen potential North Sea. ([IEA](#))
- Commission decides to register European citizens' initiative on greenhouse gas emissions tax. ([Commission](#), [Commission](#))
- New EU scheme could push petrol and gas prices higher than expected, key lawmakers admit. ([Euractiv](#))
- From retrofitting to renewables: Navigating energy transition paths for European residential space heating. An [article](#).
- Member States want to decarbonise heating and cooling faster. ([Euractiv](#))
- Renovating for change: Understanding the EU Buildings Directive review process. A briefing. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Environmental impacts of circular economy for plastic products in Europe: Lessons from life cycle assessments. An [article](#).
- European batteries could be 60% less carbon intensive than Chinese - analysis. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Sharp falls in prices of critical minerals mask risks of future supply problems as energy sector transition progresses. ([IEA](#))
- Heavy vehicles: Council signs off on tougher CO₂ emission standards. ([Council](#), [ICCT](#))
- 'Magical thinking': hopes for sustainable jet fuel unrealistic, report shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Letta wants 'much more than a market', industry wants only completed single market. ([Euractiv](#))
- NGOs call for social and green investment plan for a prosperous and just transition. ([Transport & Environment](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- No 'business as usual' for European industry. ([Judith Kirton-Darling](#))
- A European Industrial Deal aimed at securing high-quality industrial jobs in Europe. ([IndustriAll](#))
- A competitive and resilient Europe requires a transition from sectoral to systemic thinking. ([Katherine Richardson and Andrea Renda](#))
- 'Greenhushing': an emerging trend or sign of less greenwashing? ([New Climate Institute](#))
- A new Green Deal: the defining push for Europe. ([Éloi Laurent](#))
- Rethinking the SFDR. ([Finance Watch](#))
- Cost of climate adaptation in a changing world: Valuing climate adaptation helps us orient our compass towards effective and resilient paths. ([World Bank](#))
- Eating the frog: How central banks can swallow stranded fossil fuel assets. ([Kjell Kühne](#))
- Banks have given nearly \$7 trillion to fossil fuel companies since Paris deal, report reveals. ([The Guardian](#))
- Global banks need level playing field for climate rules, says EBF. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Climate considerations in investment decisions: a comparison between private equity and venture capital. An [article](#).
- ESMA guidelines establish harmonised criteria for the use of ESG and sustainability terms in fund names. ([ESMA](#))
- Ministers mount last-ditch attempt to save EU laws on restoring nature. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [META](#), [Euractiv](#), [Arc2020](#))
- Nature restoration law supported by 75% of citizens in countries not supporting the law. ([EEB](#), [BirdLife](#), [WWF](#), [Arc2020](#))
- Member states use billions of EU subsidies to fund nature-destroying activities. A report. ([WWF](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- State of play and future steps for the EU Biodiversity Strategy (EU BDS) dashboard. ([JRC](#))

- Carbon-carrying capacity in primary forests shows potential for mitigation to meet European Green Deal 2030 target. An [article](#).
- Herd of 170 bison can store CO₂ equivalent of nearly 2 million cars, say researchers. ([The Guardian](#))
- Council gives final green light to targeted review of common agricultural policy. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#))
- NGOs unite against EU rollback of green policies for agri-food sector. ([Euractiv](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- The case for bold, legally binding targets for reducing food waste in the EU. ([EEB](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#))
- EU tightens grip on emergency pesticide use with new guidance on derogations. ([Euractiv](#))
- Proposed climate measures in livestock farming could increase risks of pandemics and other health threats. ([SEI](#))
- Paris summit frees up money for clean cooking in Africa, but ignores concerns over gas ([Climate Home News](#))
- Clean cooking: What a new global pledge means for climate, nature and gender goals. ([CarbonBrief](#))

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Activities

- 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](#)
- 2024-05-24 | Webinar | [Facing the future - Exploring the key challenges for Europe in election year](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-06-05 – 2024-06-06 | [Upgrading Europe: Building Transformative Policies to Reach the Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- 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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