



## 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

- Hottest summer ever? Experts reveal what awaits Europe in the coming months. ([Euronews](#))
- EU elections 2024: What the election manifestos say about energy and climate change. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Joint open letter to EU leaders on the 2024-2029 strategic agenda. ([E3G](#))
- What can we expect from the climate change conference in Bonn? ([IDDRI](#), [E3G](#))
- Energy ministers met on 30 May. ([Council](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Rapid rollout of clean technologies makes energy cheaper, not more expensive. ([IEA](#))
- Sustainable electricity grids: Council adopts conclusions. ([Council](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- Climate action will increase Europe's energy security by 8% by 2030, says IMF. ([Euronews](#))
- Study shows countries do not need to issue new oil, gas or coal licences. ([The Guardian](#))
- Fit for 55: Council gives final green light to reduce methane emissions in power sector. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Energy Charter Treaty (ECT): Council gives final green light to EU withdrawal. ([Council](#), [CIEL](#), [E3G](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- EU carbon prices are a sign of credible policies and forward-looking actors. An [article](#). ([PIK](#))
- EU capitals need political will to introduce green building legislation, say energy experts. ([Euractiv](#))
- Electrification of heating in Europe, district heating systems look at new technological opportunities. ([Euractiv](#))

- Multiple benefits of sustainable plus-energy neighbourhoods and their potential impact on policy and investment decisions. ([BPIE](#))
- Deep renovation - New approaches to transform the building renovation market. ([Cordis](#))
- Overconsumption of transition minerals is costing us the earth. ([META](#))
- Green transition: Council gives final approval to ecodesign regulation. ([Council](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- Circular economy: Council gives final approval to right to repair directive. ([Council](#))
- New evidence on artificial intelligence and eco-investments as drivers of the circular economy. An [article](#).
- How does the circular economy create social change? Assessment in terms of sustainable development goals. An [article](#).
- Waste framework directive: A more sustainable use of natural resources. A [briefing](#).
- Global sales of polluting SUVs reach record high by 2023, data shows. ([The Guardian](#), [IEA](#))
- Who is leading the transition to electric vehicles? ([ICCT](#))
- Research shows heatwaves increase the risk of preterm births and poorer health of babies. ([The Guardian](#))
- F-gases, an unprecedented case of chemical pollution. ([META](#))
- Council signs off on measures to make EU mercury-free. ([Council](#), [EEB](#))
- The ecological transition, a guarantee of well-being. ([Isabell Büschel](#))
- Sufficiency: towards an eco-social economy. ([Richard Bärnthaler and Ian Gough](#))
- Citizens would vote for the Green Deal - if only they knew about it. ([Nina Klein](#))
- Future-proof policy-making. ([ZOE Institute](#))
- Industrial policy: Council gives final approval to net-zero industry law. ([Council](#), [Commission](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Reuters](#), [Euronews](#))
- Council adopts conclusions on the future of industrial policy. ([Council](#))
- Europe faces new China dilemma amid flagging hydrogen dreams. ([Euractiv](#))
- Scholz, Macron adopt competitiveness guidelines to set EU agenda. ([Euractiv](#))
- Leaked push for deal on rules for 'green claims' raises fears of double standards. ([Euronews](#))
- Corporate due diligence on sustainability: Council gives final approval. ([Council](#), [WWF](#))
- The evolving landscape of global business regulation on climate change. ([LSE](#))
- Accounting for climate change risks in banks' capital requirements. An [article](#).
- Insurance, climate losses and solutions to increase resilience. ([Ingrid Walker](#))
- Stop sustainable investing. ([Dick van Ommeren](#))
- Climate put on the backburner at G7 finance meeting. ([Green Central Banking](#), [E3G](#))
- Advancing energy security. Mobilise private finance for natural gas independence ([ZOE Institute](#))
- Businesses urge Belgian presidency to pass nature restoration law. ([WWF](#))
- Scientists reprimand EU decision-makers for rolling back the Green Deal and call for responsible decision-making. ([SER](#))
- The role of 'blue carbon' in tackling climate change. ([Claire Evans](#))
- Commission proposes incentives to reduce reliance on protein in animal feed. ([Euractiv](#))
- On 27 May, agriculture ministers met. ([Council](#), [EEB](#))
- Commission clarifies aid for farmers in exceptional weather conditions. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Land grabbing is back - this time the risks are even greater. ([Arc2020](#))
- NGO calls on EU to ban fast-growing chicken breeds. ([Euractiv](#))
- Improve pig welfare standards, animal rights advocates demand. ([Euractiv](#))
- The solution to making half of Europe's arable land pesticide-free. ([Annemarie Botzki](#))
- Beyond offsets: Human- and planet-centred responses to the climate and biodiversity crisis. ([fern](#))

- Global climate finance target met two years late by rich countries, says OECD. ([Reuters](#), [OECD](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- Developing countries need help adapting to deadly heat. ([Bill Hare and Fahad Saeed](#))
- World has 'moral responsibility' to help small island states survive climate crisis - UN agency head. ([The Guardian](#))
- Sustainable Development Goals: time for a rethink. ([Michael Davies-Venn](#))

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### Activities

- 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](#)
- 2024-06-12 | Hybrid | [Bridging the investment gap: mobilising transition finance for a net-zero, energy secure, and competitive Europe](#)
- 2024-06-12 | [How to master Europe's digital infrastructure needs?](#)
- 2024-06-13 | Hybrid | [Energy Efficiency Law – opportunities and barriers](#)
- 2024-06-18 | Online | [Beyond borders: how can the EU become a leader in reducing consumption-based emissions?](#)
- 2024-06-18 – 2024-06-20 | Hybrid | [Nature-based Solutions Conference 2024](#)
- 2024-06-19 | Webinar | [Circular Wind – Securing the energy transition through circularity](#)
- 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

- 2024-06-12 | [2025 Draft budget](#)
- 2024-06-19 | [European Semester spring package](#)



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