**The European Green Deal**
We want to reconcile our economy with our planet, and make it work for our people.

**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**

- Warmest May ever calls for climate action. May 2024 marks 12 months of record-breaking global temperatures. ([Copernicus](#), [Copernicus](#), [Copernicus](#), [Copernicus](#), [Euronews](#))
- Global temperatures are likely to temporarily rise 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels over the next 5 years. ([WMO](#), [The Guardian](#), [UN News](#), [UN News](#), [WMO](#), [Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- The annual climate conference kicked off in Bonn. ([ENB](#), [Euronews](#), [New Climate Institute](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- The 1.5°C global warming target must prevail. ([Joeri Rogelj](#))
- Tracking the unprecedented impact of humans on the climate. ([Piers Forster and Debbie Rosen](#))
- Inside von der Leyen's secret climate crusade. ([Politico](#))
- Is the EU's Green Deal ignoring the potential of local action? ([Euractiv](#))
- Europe after the green tide. ([Euractiv](#))
- A trailblazer for the ecological transition. ([META](#))
- Europe needs a Green Deal 2.0. ([Frans Timmermans](#))
- Global rich must pay more to tackle climate crisis, says architect of Paris deal. ([The Guardian](#))
- Depressing and dystopian: UAE used COP28 to quintuple fossil fuel deals, says study. ([Euronews](#))
- World will miss target to triple renewable electricity generation by 2030 - IEA. ([The Guardian](#), [IEA](#), [Euronews](#))

- Investment in clean energy this year is set to be twice the amount going to fossil fuels. (IEA, The Guardian, WWF)
- Energy ministers close Belgian Council presidency with 'EU Supergrid' plan. (Euractiv)
- Electrification: Europe's forgotten option to decarbonise industry. (Euractiv)
- European power-sector emissions fall by 20% since last EU election. (CarbonBrief)
- Commission launches new pilot scheme to boost hydrogen market. (Commission)
- The hidden 85%: How to make hydrogen profitable. (WEF)
- MEPs should have green hydrogen on their radar from day one. (Aoife O'Leary)
- EU carbon market leadership held back by weak pricing. (IEEFA)
- (E)mission improbable: Five weird and unworkable carbon offsetting ideas. (Carbon Market Watch)
- The state of carbon dioxide removal. A report. (LSE, CarbonBrief)
- EU rules on e-fuels threaten to create 'CO$_2$ tourism'. (Euractiv)
- Decarbonising buildings in the EU. Model-based insights from European countries. An article.
- Tackling fashion's plastic problem: the EU's role in switching to lower-impact materials. (EPC)
- More standards for more circular products? Navigating the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR). (IEEP)
- Exploring opportunities for public sector organisations to link wellbeing to resource cycles in a regional circular economy. An article.
- Euro 2024 teams can cut emissions by 60% if they avoid flying - analysis. (Transport & Environment)
- Two-thirds of European shipping fuel projects at risk - analysis. (Transport & Environment)
- It is the turn of governments to prepare for the green revolution in trucking. (Transport & Environment)
- Battery-electric is now most popular for new city buses in the EU. (Max Molliere)
- Europe lags far behind North America in securing EV investment. (Transport & Environment)
- French players see opportunities for recycling EV batteries, but face regulatory hurdles. (Euractiv)
- Air quality in Europe continues to improve, but pollution levels are still unsafe in many areas. (EEA)
- Addressing AI risks in the workplace: Workers and algorithms. A briefing.
- Industry now trumps nature in Europe. (Politico)
- Pan-European public goods: Rationale, financing and governance. A study.
- Integrating renewable energy solutions in small-scale industrial facilities. An article.
- Almost half of journalists covering the global climate crisis have received threats for their work. (The Guardian)
- How to measure and mitigate financed emissions. (Green Central Banking)
- ESAs call for enhanced supervision and improved market practice on sustainability-related claims. (EBA, The Banker)
- Exposure of European SMEs to ecosystems and natural hazards: A preliminary exploration. An article.
- Oceans face 'triple threat' from extreme heat, oxygen loss and acidification. (The Guardian)
- Global shortfalls in documented actions to conserve biodiversity. An article.
- A bioeconomy perspective on land restoration offers triple benefits for biodiversity, climate and development. (SEI)
- Forest risk management needs better data monitoring, experts say. (Euractiv)
- Argentine beef sector takes steps to comply with new EU rules on deforestation imports (Euractiv)
- The great COP food systems illusion: UN climate talks deliver no real-world action. (Dhanush Dinesh)

- Better refrigeration could prevent nearly 2 billion tonnes of $CO_2$ a year from food losses. (CarbonBrief)
- Debt payments by countries most vulnerable to climate crisis skyrocket. (The Guardian)
- Report: Assessing international climate finance by the EU and member states: Key insights for shaping the new climate finance goal. (CAN Europe)
- Developing countries propose rich countries tax arms, fashion and technology companies for climate. (Climate Home News)
- Secretive court system has awarded $100bn public money to corporations, finds new analysis. (The Guardian)

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## Activities

- 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
- 2024-06-13 | Webinar | Launch of the World Sufficiency Lab
- 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
- 2024-06-19 | Hybrid | The Future of the European Green Deal
- 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
- 2024-07-16 | Online | Investors and human rights: Ways forward in a time of complexity

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## Commission documents

- 2024-06-12 | 2025 Draft budget
- 2024-06-19 | European Semester spring package

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