



## 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

- A meeting of environment ministers was held on 17 June. Among the topics discussed was the Nature Restoration Law. After several tense months, it was finally approved. But other important decisions were also taken. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [EEB](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [WWF](#), [BirdLife](#), [ClientEarth](#), [WRI](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Reuters](#), [Council](#), [Council](#), [Council](#), [Council](#), [EEB](#), [Arc2020](#), [Greenpeace](#), [RREUSE](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [Fedarene](#), [IUCN](#), [Jane Goodall Institute](#), [EEB](#), [EEB](#), [EEB](#), [Water Europe](#), [Arc2020](#), [Climate Home News](#), [IFAW](#))
- An [informal meeting](#) of European leaders was held on 17 June. There will be a [European Council](#) meeting on 27-28, where, among other things, the future [strategic agenda](#) will be discussed. The texts to be adopted at that meeting will show what place the Green Deal will have in the next legislature and how it will relate to industrial policy. ([Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [FoEE](#))
- Analyses on the future of the Green Deal: [SolarPower Europe](#), [Pieter De Pous](#), [CEPS](#), [ESABCC](#), [E3G](#), [Friends of Europe](#), [WindEurope](#), [Hydrogen Europe](#), [Green Deal for Europe](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Corporate Leaders Group](#), [Eurofer](#), [Gonzalo Sáenz de Miera and Fleming Voetmann](#), [Umwelt Bundesamt](#).
- From the beginning of July, Hungary will hold the EU Council Presidency. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Climate negotiations Bonn: Main results of the UN climate conference June 2024. ([CarbonBrief](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- National climate targets off track. ([Transport & Environment](#))

- June deadline for EU countries' NECPs: do this year's plans show they are serious about climate? ([Frederic Mascolo](#))
- G7 fails to keep fossil fuel promises at Italy summit. ([Oil Change International](#), [E3G](#))
- Fossil fuel use reaches global record despite clean energy growth. ([The Guardian](#))
- 80 percent of people worldwide want stronger climate action from governments, according to UN Development Programme survey. ([UNDP](#), [The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- Warmest summer ever? Experts reveal what awaits Europe in coming months? ([Euronews](#), [Euronews](#))
- Deadly heat in Mexico and US 35 times more likely due to global warming. ([The Guardian](#))
- Strong growth of offshore wind power in 2023 as sector sets course for record-breaking decade. ([GWEC](#))
- New report: Global solar installations almost double by 2023, but leaves emerging economies in limbo. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- Analysis: Wind and solar added more to global energy than any other source in 2023. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Europe's solar peak hits prices and reveals storage needs. ([Euractiv](#))
- First Net-Zero Academy trains 100,000 workers in EU photovoltaic value chain. ([Commission](#))
- Why a people-centred approach to equitable energy transitions is vital. ([WEF](#))
- "UN Secretary-General is right: Carbon removals are no silver bullet." ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Advancing just transitions in the built environment - exploring human rights in the green transition. A report. ([IHRB](#), [EUobserver](#))
- Carbon pricing: Economists question lump-sum payouts to households. ([Euractiv](#))
- Researchers and environmental NGOs call for 'Materials Framework Directive' to limit temperatures to 1.5°C. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- New eco-design regulation for sustainable products (ESPR) - What does it mean for repair ([Right to Repair](#))
- Circularity strategies and sustainable resource management to secure the transition to clean energy. A report. ([IEEP](#))
- The role of plastics in Europe's circular economy. ([EEA](#), [EEA](#))
- EU warns that 'delaying tactics' have made plastic treaty agreement 'very difficult'. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Safety priorities in the circular economy: A conceptual overview. An [article](#).
- EU centre-right decides future of internal combustion engines in early July. ([Euractiv](#))
- Demand for used cooking oil in Europe and the US increasingly unsustainable - analysis. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- EU sets out plan to exempt long-haul flights from new emissions rules. ([Euractiv](#))
- E-fuels: as much import as needed, as sustainable as possible. ([Leon Berks](#))
- Stagnation and growth: the European EV market. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Europeans are generally positive about e-mobility. ([Commission](#))
- Energy communities and electric mobility as win-win solutions for the built environment. An [article](#).
- Greener freight transport: Council adopts position for more efficient management of rail infrastructure capacity and traffic. ([Council](#))
- Report concludes that nearly 2,000 children a day die from air pollution. ([The Guardian](#))
- Outdoor clothing brands still use 'forever chemicals' (PFAS) despite health risk. ([The Guardian](#))
- Surface water and groundwater: Council agrees negotiating mandate to update list of pollutants. ([Council](#), [WWF](#), [EEB](#))
- Social policy in the European Union: state of play 2023. ([ETUI](#))

- Mapping justice in national climate action: a global overview of just transition policies. ([LSE](#))
- Climate justice and human mobility: bridging the gap between EU commitments and policies. ([Egmont Institute](#))
- Another, reindustrialised Europe is possible. ([Judith Kirton-Darling](#))
- Europe must catch up in race for green technology, says Spanish climate minister. ([Reuters](#))
- Europe gives China a taste of its own medicine. ([Politico](#))
- EU-China relations could still degenerate into a trade war, analysts say. ([Euractiv](#))
- Lessons from trade tensions targeting "overcapacity" in China's cleantech industry. ([Yao Zhe](#))
- EU climate dialogue with China confirms focus on post-2025 climate finance target. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU should have followed China's green technology policy, say former French and Irish ministers. ([Euractiv](#))
- The role of ESG in mitigating climate change. ([Felix Brosen Manurung](#))
- ESAs propose improvements to sustainable finance disclosure regulation. ([ESMA](#), [EIOPA](#))
- ECB to fine banks that failed to meet climate targets. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Europe's leading green electricity companies are well positioned to issue debt with the European green bond label. ([IEEFA](#))
- EU Council backs ratification of UN agreement to protect oceans. ([Euractiv](#), [Council](#))
- Agriculture ministers meet on 24 June. ([Council](#), [EEB](#))
- Council urges stricter approach to seed swaps by farmers in new EU legislation. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU organic area reaches 10.5% of farmland, but falls short of 2030 target. ([Euractiv](#))
- Experts: What is causing food prices to spike around the world? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Food policy: 7 challenges for the food system in the new European Parliament. ([EIT Food](#))
- Aquaculture in the EU: State of play. A [briefing](#).
- Reforming the global financial architecture in response to global challenges. How to restore debt sustainability and achieve the SDGs? A [study](#).
- Extending the Sustainable Development Goals to 2050 - a roadmap. An [article](#).
- The role of sustainable bioenergy in supporting climate and development goals. ([IRENA](#))

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## Activities

- 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 ?](#)
- 2024-06-24 | [Industrial policy for quality jobs and a just transition](#)
- 2024-06-24 | Online | [What next for global policy to finance the just transition?](#)
- 2024-06-26 | Hybrid | [Conference on Affordable Energy: Turning civil society views into action](#)
- 2024-06-27 | Hybrid | [Global trends in climate litigation](#)
- 2024-06-27 | Online | [Climate risks to agricultural value chains in African markets and the financial innovations for safeguarding the sector](#)
- 2024-06-28 | [How to consider biodiversity in investment strategies](#)
- 2024-07-01 | Online | [Governance of CO2 storage: How can risks be addressed and reduced?](#)
- 2024-07-03 | [Just transition: challenges of occupational and sectorial reallocation](#)
- 2024-07-11 | Online | [The Path to Net Zero: A Climate Mitigation Journey for Banks](#)
- 2024-07-16 | Online | [Investors and human rights: Ways forward in a time of complexity](#)

- 2024-10-09 – 2024-10-10 | [The International Mobility Summit](#)
- 2024-11-18 – 2024-11-22 | [European Hydrogen Week](#)

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