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

- Comments and analysis on the recent European Council which included discussion of the strategic agenda. (EEB, E3G, SolarPower Europe, Greenpeace, ClientEarth, Euractiv, We Mean Business Coalition, Bruegel)
- Anchoring environment, climate and sustainability as part of the EU's strategic priorities is key to success. A report. (EEA)
- Future-proofing the transition to sustainability: focus on policy assumptions and projections. A briefing. (EEA)
- Hungary is now president of the Council of the EU. (Euractiv, Euractiv, EEB, EEB)
- Member states had to forward their National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) to the Commission. But not all countries did. (Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv, Nature)
- Effort sharing: EU countries divided over key climate law. (Euractiv)
- The EPP's political plans: Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv, Euronews.
- Right-wing MEPs loathe the Green Deal — but have no plan of attack. (Politico)
- EU must double investments to meet climate targets: report. (Euractiv, ECNO, I4CE)
- The victory of the far-right in the French elections could deal a blow to climate policy, experts say. (The Guardian, Politico)
- War zone: women 14 times more likely to die in natural disasters. (The Guardian)
- Switzerland's deadly floods show how vulnerable the country is to natural disasters, government warns. (Euronews)

- Hurricane Beryl: Caribbean leader accuses rich countries of climate failure as 'horrific' storm makes landfall. ([The Guardian](#))
- Arctic wildfires tear through Russia's far north releasing megatonnes of carbon. ([Euronews](#))
- Von der Leyen urged to protect EU hydrogen industry, focusing on electrolyser producers. ([Euractiv](#))
- Why carbon offsets undermine climate goals. ([EEB](#), [New Climate Institute](#))
- Industry cannot rely on negative emissions for 2039 climate target, experts say. ([Euractiv](#))
- Clarification on EU support for CCUS. ([CEO](#))
- Google's emissions rise nearly 50% in five years due to AI energy demand ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Can the climate survive the insatiable energy demand of the AI arms race? ([The Guardian](#))
- Towards sustainable artificial intelligence? ([ETUI](#))
- Extended producer responsibility in the construction industry. A report. ([BPIE](#))
- How to finance the European Union's decarbonisation plan for buildings. ([Bruegel](#))
- Low-carbon buildings: the foundations for a prosperous EU. ([E3G](#))
- Beyond lithium: how a Swedish battery company wants to fuel Europe's green transition with salt. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Emergent digital possibilities for design-led reuse witin circular economy. An [article](#).
- Digital product passport for the textile sector. A [study](#).
- Why scrapping the 2035 cars target is misguided. ([Julia Poliscanova](#))
- Charging electric vehicles: the current political situation versus consumers' current needs. ([Euractiv](#))
- Sales of dangerous US pick-ups up 20% in Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- How sustainable are advanced and waste biofuels? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Direct train connections between major European cities could be more than tripled by using existing tracks. ([Greenpeace](#))
- Cross-border rail remains fragmented as EU countries delay harmonisation. ([Euractiv](#))
- A day before application, German car lobby urges EU to drop tariffs against China. ([Euractiv](#))
- China urges EU to 'meet halfway' on electric vehicle dispute. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission imposes provisional countervailing duties on imports of battery electric vehicles from China as talks with China continue. ([Commission](#))
- ENVI: European Parliament's busiest committee should be split, says chief EPP lawmaker. ([Euractiv](#))
- Climate, weather, and child health: quantifying health co-benefits. ([LSE](#))
- Commission wants to curb harmful chemicals in cosmetics, but no progress on regulation. ([Euractiv](#))
- Horizon Europe support for the European Green Deal. A [study](#).
- Empowering citizens in Europe's green transition: The role of digital solutions. ([EPC](#))
- Can Letta report put Europe on track towards its 2050 net zero goal? ([ETUI](#))
- Polluters put before people in EU's 'industrial deal'. ([Marcella Via](#))
- The hidden EU cash that no one's talking about. ([William Todts](#))
- Worker representation in the green transition - risks to quality jobs. ([ETUI](#))
- Report on the monitoring of climate-related risks to financial stability. ([Commission](#))
- Breaking the risk cycle: Addressing resilience and debt for a new global financial architecture. ([E3G](#))
- The current implementation of the Sustainability-related Financial Disclosures Regulation (SFDR) - With an assessment of how the legislative framework works for retail investors. A [study](#).
- EU "green" funds invest millions in expanding coal giants in China, India. ([Climate Home News](#))

- Supporting a transition to sustainable farming systems: Reflections on CAP implementation and use of crisis responses. A report. ([IEEP](#))
- EU trade policy clashes with ambitions for sustainability and food sovereignty, says an farming group. ([Euractiv](#))
- Challenges remain for new Commission in defining future EU agri-food policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Danish carbon tax on agriculture, a model for the rest of Europe or a splendid one-off? ([Euractiv](#))
- Agricultural emissions: Danes not following the herd. ([Mathieu Mal](#))
- Does the EU need an emissions trading system for agriculture? ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Food from somewhere. Building food security and resilience through territorial markets. A report. ([IPES Food](#))
- EU needs common framework for sustainable food systems, says head of European industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- Position of farmers in food supply chain top priority for new EU coalition. ([Euractiv](#))
- Glyphosate: EU Commission rejects request to withdraw re-approval, NGOs go to EU court. ([ClientEarth](#))
- 'It's not beautiful, but you can still eat it': climate crisis leads to more wonky vegetables in Netherlands. ([The Guardian](#))
- A leek for change! The Belgian trio on a mission to save seeds. ([Arc2020](#))
- Review of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport. A [briefing](#).
- Funding for local climate adaptation. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Climate change: Ocean Tribunal ruling gives power to small island states. ([WEF](#))
- Extreme heat waves highlight climate injustice while Western countries do nothing - here's how governments can help. ([Maria Pournara and Filippos Proedrou](#))

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- 2024-07-16 | Online | [Investors and human rights: Ways forward in a time of complexity](#)
- 2024-09-22 – 2024-09-23 | [Summit of the Future](#)
- 2024-09-23 – 2024-09-25 | [Global Renewables Summit](#)
- 2024-10-03 | [Building a just green transition – challenges and opportunities of eco-social policies](#)
- 2024-10-09 – 2024-10-10 | [The International Mobility Summit](#)
- 2024-10-15 – 2024-10-17 | [Energy Storage Global Conference](#)
- 2024-11-18 – 2024-11-22 | [European Hydrogen Week](#)

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Commission documents

- 2024-09-11 | [State of the Energy Union Report](#)
- 2024-09-25 | [Communication on the European Research Area](#)
- 2024-10-30 | [Communication on Energy and Climate Diplomacy](#)

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