



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

- The new European Parliament met for the first time and elected Ursula von der Leyen as Commission President for a second time. What do her plans mean for the future of the Green Deal? ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Arc2020](#), [Politico](#), [ETUC](#), [CEO](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Paul Taylor](#), [Patrick Schröder](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [C40 Cities](#), [Reuters](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [WWF](#), [CEO](#), [EEB](#), [Euronews](#), [EVU](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [I4CE](#), [Politico](#), [CIEL](#), [IFOAM](#), [REP](#), [Reuters](#), [Eurelectric](#), [Commission](#), [CAN Europe](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Wind Europe](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- After the devastation caused by Hurricane Beryl, climate scientists fear for the future. ([The Guardian](#))
- 'May God help those without air conditioning': Severe heatwaves hit southern Europe and the Balkans ([Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Research shows climate crisis makes days longer. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Transforming the EU's foreign policy: Reforms to improve the climate. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- EU commemorates victims of global climate crisis. ([Commission](#))
- EU looks at water strategy as conflict grows over agricultural use of large reservoirs. ([Euractiv](#))
- China's emissions of two potent greenhouse gases rise 78% in 10 years. ([The Guardian](#))
- Strategic Agenda 2024-2029: Continuity or paradigm shift? A [briefing](#).

- Renewable EU on hydrogen: auditors call for a reality check. ([ECA](#), [Euractiv](#), [Jorgo Chatzimarkakis](#))
- Energy ministers met on 15 and 16 July. ([Council](#), [Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- EU Member States must take urgent action on NECPs and overriding public interest. ([WindEurope](#))
- Tighter EU rules and technology bans could lead to net zero by 2046 and a €6.1bn boost to GDP. ([Euractiv](#))
- The changing dynamics of European electricity markets. ([Conall Heussaff](#))
- Global electricity demand will rise sharply this year and next, reflecting the growing role of electricity in energy systems around the world. ([IEA](#))
- Why public-private partnerships are key to overcoming the challenges of the 'energy trilemma'. ([WEF](#))
- FAQ: EU Emissions Trading System revenues. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Collapse in heat pump sales sets tough task for new EU commission. ([Euractiv](#))
- 10 policy priorities for resilient, healthy and affordable zero emission buildings. ([BPIE](#))
- Fighting energy poverty requires involvement of local communities, says EESC. ([Euractiv](#))
- The case for a people-first approach to the just energy transition. ([WBCSD](#))
- Paris 2024: Why this year's Olympic legacy will be its green buildings. ([We Mean Business Coalition](#))
- How a circular economy can cure global overconsumption of resources. ([META](#))
- The role of research and innovation in ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials in the EU. A [study](#).
- Shell quietly backs away from pledge to increase 'advanced recycling' of plastics. ([The Guardian](#))
- Polar plunder: Extractivism in the Arctic. ([META](#))
- How the new EU battery fund could put Europe on the battery map. ([Chris Heron](#), [Julia Poliscanova](#) and [Kinga Timaru-Kast](#))
- Harnessing EU battery production to achieve net zero in light electric vehicles. A [study](#).
- Research shows PFAS used in lithium-ion batteries pose threat to environment. ([The Guardian](#))
- Policy brief on advancing charging infrastructure. ([EuroCities](#))
- Substitution of Conventional Vehicles in Municipal Mobility. An [article](#).
- Germany held back EU electric car market in first half of 2024. An analysis. ([Transport and Environment](#))
- EU backtracks on key climate law and excludes long-haul flights from monitoring system. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Sustainable marine fuels: the key to finally decarbonising shipping? ([Euractiv](#))
- Revision of the Directive on Ship-source Pollution. A [briefing](#).
- EU invests record €7bn in sustainable, safe and smart transport infrastructure. ([Commission](#))
- EU-wide drinking water tests find dangerous chemical TFA in 94% of samples. ([PAN](#), [Euractiv](#))
- AI increases energy consumption of data centres - straining the grid and slowing sustainability efforts. ([Ayse Coskun](#))
- Harnessing economic competition for a sustainable Europe. ([Edouard Gaudot](#) and [Michelle Meagher](#))
- The great de-risking of clean technology: the end of EU-China climate diplomacy? ([E3G](#))
- Policy mixes for just transitions: A holistic evaluation framework. An [article](#).
- GreenDeal-NET's Biannual Research Highlights #3. ([GreenDeal-NET](#))
- Sustainability reporting is much more than red tape. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Transatlantic clean investment monitor. ([Bruegel](#))

- Report – Europe’s coming investment crisis: Capital markets can only match a third of EU’s essential needs. ([Finance Watch](#))
- NGFS publishes final nature risk framework for central banks. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Experts sound the alarm on climate litigation risk. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Circular economy as a driver of responsible banking: Circular solutions for meeting climate goals in the construction sector. ([UNEPFI](#))
- Financial sector must wake up to risks linked to deforestation. ([WWF](#))
- Colombia gives assurances for UN summit on biodiversity after rebel threat. ([The Guardian](#))
- The Nature Restoration Law - A hard-won victory for biodiversity and society. ([IIEP](#))
- International Court of Justice ruling on climate must include legal duty to protect climate-stabilising ecosystems and biodiversity. ([WWF](#))
- Benefits of a Forest Monitoring Law. ([WWF](#))
- Q&A: Can 'debt-for-nature swaps' help address biodiversity loss and climate change? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- EU climate target 2040: contributions from the agricultural sector. ([Öko Institut](#))
- Environment and the common agricultural policy. A [briefing](#).
- Economists warn there is no easy solution to low farm prices as the EU launches an agri-food observatory. ([Euractiv](#))
- Towards sustainable food systems: an analysis of EU policy measures setting environmental sustainability requirements. A [report](#).
- EESC's Peter Schmidt says holistic agricultural policies are needed to keep the focus on the SDGs. ([Euractiv](#))
- Debt reform a necessary priority of the climate finance agenda. ([E3G](#))
- The world needs a new global agreement on climate and development finance. ([Moazzam Malik](#))

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Activities

- 2024-07-25 | Webinar | [How to report on the construction sector’s hidden climate impact](#)
- 2024-09-10 | [Climate migration: where to next?](#)
- 2024-09-10 | Webinar | [What's next on the EU Commission’s Sustainable Finance Agenda?](#)
- 2024-09-11 | Hybrid | [Quantum technologies - How can the EU lead in the industries of the future?](#)
- 2024-09-22 – 2024-09-23 | [Summit of the Future](#)
- 2024-09-23 – 2024-09-25 | [Global Renewables Summit](#)
- 2024-09-24 | Online | [The annual ESG Conference 2024](#)
- 2024-09-24 | Webinar | [Fairtrade webinar - implementing the new EU sustainability laws](#)
- 2024-10-03 | [Building a just green transition – challenges and opportunities of eco-social policies](#)
- 2024-10-03 | [Future Generations Conference](#)
- 2024-10-09 | [Competitiveness and convergence: Can we ensure them both? How civil society can contribute?](#)
- 2024-10-09 – 2024-10-10 | [The International Mobility Summit](#)
- 2024-10-15 – 2024-10-17 | [Energy Storage Global Conference](#)
- 2024-10-17 | Hybrid | [Conference on Radioactive Waste Management : A Civil Society Perspective](#)
- 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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