



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

- World's second warmest month on record, only slightly after July 2023. ([Copernicus](#), [Copernicus](#))
- Meeting 1.5°C limit depends more on governments than technology, says research ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Heat claims more than 175,000 lives a year in the WHO European region, and that number will rise. ([WHO](#))
- Poorer people suffer most from extreme heat in Europe, say Spanish researchers. ([The Guardian](#))
- Explainer: Why is climate change causing 'record-shattering' extreme heat? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Anticipating the impacts of 4°C warming: what are the costs of adaptation. ([I4CE](#))
- Governments struggle with global warming and emission reduction costs. ([IEEP](#))
- Ursula von der Leyen prepares for her second term in office. ([Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Político](#), [Político](#), [Arc2020](#), [Político](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#))
- A dive into the new European Commission president's programme for 2024-2029. ([IEEP](#))
- Reforming EU institutions: Pathways to stronger climate and foreign policy leadership. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- Towards a transformative EU climate policy. A report. ([EcoLogic](#))
- NGOs sue Commission over 2030 climate targets, 'green' shipping and aviation. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [GLAN](#), [Reuters](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Gerry Liston and Romain Didi](#))

- Fit for 55 package. A [briefing](#).
- What works: Groundbreaking evaluation of climate policies over two decades. ([PIK](#), [Euronews](#))
- Key enablers to triple renewable energy by 2030. Some articles: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#). (IRENA)
- Ample land for sustainable renewable energy expansion in Europe, new study shows. ([EEB](#))
- EU wind energy package boosts Europe's wind energy chain. ([WindEurope](#))
- Fossil fuels in Europe: the only way is down. ([Euan Graham](#))
- Improving EU electricity market design. A [briefing](#).
- FAQ: Understanding the financial workings of the voluntary carbon market. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- New report: \$30 billion of public money wasted on failed carbon capture and fossil hydrogen projects. Still hundreds of billions to go. ([Oil Change International](#))
- Revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. A [briefing](#).
- Recast EU regulation of gas and hydrogen markets. A [briefing](#).
- Recast EU directive on gas and hydrogen markets. A [briefing](#).
- Bacteria help extract rare metals from old batteries in push for green technology. ([The Guardian](#))
- Mining waste: time for EU to come clean. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Lawmakers urged to tackle mining waste as domestic production quotas loom. ([Euronews](#))
- Unjust minerals: investing in the changes needed for a just transition in the mining sector. A report. ([LSE](#))
- Can government partnerships support responsible and reliable supply chains of critical minerals? ([IEA](#))
- The transition to renewable energy: The challenge of sustainable resource management for a circular economy. An [article](#).
- Reforming extended producer responsibility schemes to promote repair. ([Right to Repair](#))
- The social impact of circular clothing economies in the North. An [article](#).
- Largest cruise ships today more than twice the size of 2000. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Hot ticket for summer: Why flying has twice the impact on climate as you might expect. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Sustainable water management in recovery and resilience plans. A [briefing](#).
- A behavioural approach can renew approaches to water security. ([LSE](#))
- Bisphenols - quo vadis? ([META](#))
- In it for the long haul: The promise of a commissioner for future generations. ([META](#))
- Controversial California AI law can inspire and improve EU AI regulation, experts say. ([Euractiv](#))
- Commission 'very confident' on China tariff case as experts warn it may have breached WTO rules. ([Euractiv](#))
- Major solar panel manufacturer remains in Germany after US plans fail. ([Euractiv](#))
- Analysts say trade tensions are unlikely to escalate as Beijing threatens to impose tariffs on EU imports of dairy products and petrol vehicles. ([Euractiv](#))
- Q&A: Global 'trade war' over China's booming EV industry. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Steelmakers want von der Leyen to force governments and industry to buy green steel. ([Euractiv](#))
- Promoting climate neutrality while strengthening competitiveness - with a just and ambitious Clean Industrial Deal. ([Christoph Bals and Michael Vassiliadis](#))
- Investment treaties undermine global energy transition. ([E3G](#))
- Recommendations for the EU's international climate and energy partnerships. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Raising the bar of net zero: How a new ISO standard can put us on the right path. ([ECOS](#))
- Rethinking ESG: balancing profit, purpose and political pressure. ([Hussain Shahid](#))

- European interest rates increasingly reflect climate risks. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Scenario choice is important in prudential transition plans. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Credible company transition plans for climate change mitigation: a geographical dependency assessment. ([JRC](#))
- Opportunities to ensure healthy marine ecosystems and a sustainable future for European fisheries. ([EEA](#))
- Who wins from nature's genetic bounty? The billions at stake in a global 'biopiracy' battle. ([The Guardian](#)).
- Perceptions of biodiversity loss among future decision-makers in 37 countries. An [article](#).
- How climate change is driving up global food prices. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The costs and benefits of transition to sustainable agriculture in the EU - a synthesis of existing knowledge. ([IEEP](#))
- Agro-voltaic energy: helping both farmers and the climate. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU wants to adjust pesticide rules to find sustainable solutions faster. ([Euractiv](#))
- Departing Agriculture Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski breaks protocol by concocting his own food security law. ([Politico](#))
- Caribbean islands hope UN court will end 'debt cycle' caused by climate crisis. ([The Guardian](#))
- Leaders are cutting fossil fuel finance – next comes unlocking clean energy for all. ([Natalie Jones](#))
- Climate justice is crucial for the tourism industry. ([The Conversation](#))
- Climate disasters challenge right to safe and adequate housing. ([Climate Home News](#))
- How can governments tackle 'loss and damage' at national level? ([John Leo Algo](#))

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Activities

- 2024-09-03 – 2024-09-05 | [Regenerative Agriculture Summit Europe](#)
- 2024-09-06 | Webinar | [Being serious about no net land take: Can other policy areas help to get closer to this goal?](#)
- 2024-09-09 | Online | [Getting people and businesses on board with Low Emission Zones](#)
- 2024-09-10 | [Climate migration: where to next?](#)
- 2024-09-10 | Webinar | [What's next on the EU Commission's Sustainable Finance Agenda?](#)
- 2024-09-10 | [What future for the green transition?](#)
- 2024-09-11 | Hybrid | [Quantum technologies - How can the EU lead in the industries of the future?](#)
- 2024-09-19 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #16: Make Europe wild again](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-09-24 | Online | [Navigating the ESG legislation - What implications for carbon removal projects in Europe?](#)
- 2024-09-24 | Online | [Smart siting: Unlocking Europe's Solar and Wind Potential](#)
- 2024-09-25 | Online | [Tech and the new mandate – What are the opportunities and challenges?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-11-07 | Online | [Civil Society Dialogue on the impact of EU FTAs on key environmental aspects, including climate](#)
- 2024-11-18 – 2024-11-22 | [European Hydrogen Week](#)
- 2024-12-03 – 2024-12-05 | [Sustainable Future Week](#)
- 2024-12-12 | [4th European EnerGreenDeal Conference](#)

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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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