



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

- Ursula von der Leyen prepares for her new term in office. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Cristina Vanberghen](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Mirta Baselovic](#), [Mats Engström](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#))
- News on the COP29 climate conference: [Climate Home News](#), [The Guardian](#), [Yao Zhe](#), [SEI](#).
- Where exactly is the Green Deal in Europe's new agenda? ([Brooke Moore and Johanna Härtner](#))
- Europe's 2040 climate target and the path to climate neutrality by 2050. A [briefing](#).
- How Kamala Harris and Donald Trump differ sharply on energy and climate. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Special climate ministries help reduce carbon emissions. An [article](#).
- Social protection plays a key role in countering the effects of climate change, but the countries hardest hit by the climate crisis are the least prepared. A report. ([ILO](#))
- EU recovery fund probably not as green as claimed. ([ECA](#), [Reuters](#), [Euronews](#))
- 30% of largest emitting companies have long-term climate targets aligned with 1.5°C. A report. ([LSE](#))
- Q&A: Why methane levels rising without 'hint of decline'? ([CarbonBrief](#), [Euronews](#))
- The future of EU oil and gas suppliers in a low-carbon world: risks of an unmanaged transition. ([E3G](#))
- Oil demand growing at slowest rate since height of pandemic, says IEA. ([The Guardian](#))
- Gas transition in the EU: What's next? A report. ([E3G](#))

- Nearly 200 people killed last year while trying to defend the environment, according to report. ([The Guardian](#), [Global Witness](#))
- Consumerism and climate crisis threaten a just future for humanity, says report. ([The Guardian](#))
- How to recalibrate the Green Deal so that it is fit for purpose. ([EESC](#))
- Why 'no-brainer zones' are essential to meet EU renewable energy targets. ([Duygu Kutluay](#))
- Wind turbine orders and supply chain investment are rising, but urgent action is needed on grids, licensing and auction design. ([Wind Europe](#))
- The Commission published The State of the Energy Union report. ([Commission](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EEB](#), [Solar Heat Europe](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Euronews](#))
- Berlin wants to reverse liberalised energy market and bets on fixed price model. ([Euractiv](#))
- Adapting to the adjustment mechanism: how EU companies are preparing for full CBAM in 2026. ([Euractiv](#))
- How to create a local support and financing service for home energy renovation. ([Energy Cities](#))
- How not to reduce carbon emissions: An unbalanced focus on energy efficiency in German building renovation policy. An [article](#).
- Sufficiency in the built environment: a fact sheet. ([EEB](#))
- United Nations panel issues recommendations for governments and industry to manage the global energy transition. ([UN](#), [HRW](#), [Commission](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- The EU's reliance on critical materials: meeting decarbonisation targets in the context of geopolitical risks. A report. ([LSE](#))
- Intergenerational justice at the heart of critical minerals management. ([META](#))
- Circular economy for resource security in the European Union (EU): case study, research framework and future directions. An [article](#).
- No time to lose: Circular economy as an engine for EU resilience and competitiveness. A report. ([CLG](#))
- Unleashing the potential of the EU's circular economy. ([Anum Sheikh](#))
- CO₂ emissions standards and reporting requirements for new heavy-duty vehicles. A [briefing](#).
- Low and Zero Emission Zones: Navigating the social challenges of clean air policy in EU cities. A report. ([IEEP](#))
- 72 per cent of people think ecocide should be a crime. Could a new EU directive make a difference? ([Euronews](#))
- Draghi's new report on competitiveness was published. ([Report](#)) ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EEB](#), [Bruegel](#), [Hydrogen Europe](#), [Science | Business](#), [Ursula von der Leyen](#), [CAN Europe](#), [BEUC](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [RREUSE](#), [Eurofer](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [EVU](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Wind Europe](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [CEPS](#), [Judith Kirton-Darling and Isabelle Barthès](#))
- EU competitiveness: Issues and challenges. A [briefing](#).
- The three pillars of an effective EU competition policy. ([Bruegel](#))
- The impact of EU legislation on digital and green transition, especially on SMEs. A [briefing](#).
- European 'naivety' could cause industrial meltdown, warns new Economic Committee president. ([Euractiv](#))
- China's green 'trojan horses' are starting to divide Europe. ([Dominika Floriánová](#), [Flora Wallace](#), [Giorgia Andriola and Leon de Graaf](#))
- New report: Climate lawsuits brought against fossil fuel companies have almost tripled. ([Oil International](#))
- An ESG Backlash Erupts in Europe on World's Strictest Rules. ([Bloomberg](#))

- Why it's businesses (and not the European Commission) that need to ensure sustainable supply chains. ([CEPS](#))
- Research shows more than 80% of EU marine protected areas are ineffective. ([The Guardian](#))
- Producers urge EU to address delays in CAP support for organic farms. ([Euractiv](#))
- Sustainable and productive: The future of land use in a climate-neutral EU. ([Agora](#), [CEW](#))
- Solar pump revolution could provide water to millions of Africans, but it must be sustainable and equitable. ([Alan MacDonald](#))
- Green Climate Fund restructures, aiming to become 'preferred partner' of donors. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Maximising the impact of EU climate finance. A report. ([CGD](#))
- 'Punitive instrument': Brazil says EU deforestation laws will hit a third of exports. ([Euronews](#))
- New French prime minister dashes hopes of EU-Mercosur deal ahead of Brazil G20 summit. ([Euractiv](#))

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Activities

- 2024-09-17 | Webinar | [From words to action: implementing biodiversity and climate strategies for resilient societies](#)
- 2024-09-18 | Online | [Forging Europe's new Clean Industrial Deal](#)
- 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 | [After the Energy Charter Treaty exit: How can the European Parliament protect climate action from investor claims?](#)
- 2024-09-23 | Online | [Report Launch: 1.5°C-aligned wind and solar targets for the new NDCs](#)
- 2024-09-23 – 2024-09-25 | [Global Renewables Summit](#)
- 2024-09-23 – 2024-09-25 | [Sustainable Places 2024](#)
- 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?](#)
- 2024-09-25 | Online | [A global policy agenda to keep textiles in use – understanding the role of new policy instruments for a circular textile system](#)
- 2024-09-26 | Webinar | [Entering the EU's new policy cycle: The European Green Deal at risk?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-10-31 | Hybrid | [The Global Plastic Treaty negotiations: The dynamic between the EU's multilateral and internal green agenda](#)

- 2024-10-31 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #17: The Global Plastic Treaty negotiations](#)
- 2024-10-31 | [Nourishing Europe - Financing the path to resilient and sustainable food systems](#)
- 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

- 2024-10-22 | [Communication on the European Research Area](#)
- 2024-10-30 | [Communication on Energy and Climate Diplomacy](#)
- Tbc | [Communication on e-commerce](#)



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