

General

- The European Commission presented the <u>European Green Deal</u> proposal (<u>communication + roadmap</u>) on 11 December 2019.
- The European Council of <u>12 December 2019</u> confirmed the principle of climate neutrality.
- The European Parliament on 15 January 2020 adopted <u>a resolution</u> 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 presented the composition of the new Commission. (Politico, Euractiv, Eu
- Von der Leyen plans five more years of intensive energy and climate regulation. (<u>Euractiv</u>)
- News on climate conference COP29: <u>Climate Home News</u>, <u>The Guardian</u>, <u>Climate Home News</u>, <u>Climate Home News</u>.
- Climate scientists alarmed by damage from floods ravaging central Europe. (Ajit Niranjan)
- Floods in Poland and forest fires in Portugal show reality of climate change, says EU. (<u>The Guardian</u>)
- Scientists warn that 70% of the world's population will face a rapid increase in 'unprecedented' weather. (<u>Euronews</u>)
- Barcelona and Mallorca will have a desert-like climate by 2050, warns a new drought study.
 (Euronews)
- The EU's bold 2040 climate target is indispensable for climate neutrality and economic competitiveness, says the EESC. (<u>EESC</u>)

- The European Green Deal must go global. (<u>Simone Tagliapietra, Cecilia Trasi and Giovanni Sgaravatti</u>)
- Breakthrough to a better world: How can we avert 3°C this century? WMO report offers solutions. (Euronews)
- Data center emissions probably 662% higher than big tech claims. Can it keep up the ruse?
 (The Guardian)
- Stronger integration measures are needed as solar and wind power reach record highs in the electricity sector. (IEA)
- International cooperation to decarbonise energy-intensive industries: realising full potential.
 An <u>article</u>.
- Europe's electrifiers say their time has come. (Euractiv)
- World Ozone Day: EU continues to phase out ozone-depleting gases. (EEA)
- Carbon taxes on consumption: distributional implications for a just transition in the EU. A report. (JRC)
- Practical policies for a just and resilient built environment. (<u>EEB</u>)
- Decarbonising heat is the challenge of the next decade. (Aurélie Beauvais and Sigrid Friis)
- How renewable energy can help vulnerable households. (EEB)
- EU Commission charms Greenland in global race for critical materials. (<u>Euractiv</u>)
- Minerals for the energy transition: can we all work together? (<u>Connie Hedegaard et al.</u>)
- Aligning practices to a circular economy in the architecture, engineering and construction sectors: seven transitions at different stages of reconfiguration. An <u>article</u>.
- Unlocking opportunities for circular business models in textiles: phasing out linearity. A report. (RREUSE)
- Faster fashion: growing use of polluting textiles revealed. (Changing Markets Foundation)
- Successful pilot: biodegradable plastic produced from textile waste. (<u>Circle Economy</u>)
- How the circular economy can revive the Sustainable Development Goals. A report.
 (Chatham House)
- Global Circularity Initiative to deliver 100 billion tonnes of material savings by 2050 and reduce annual CO₂ emissions by 6%. (WBCSD)
- Safe and sustainable alternatives can reduce the use of PFAS in textiles and promote reuse and recycling. (EEA)
- Challenging start for the EU's revenue based on non-recycled plastic packaging waste. (ECA)
- Governments must take decisive action to curb disposables to maximise the benefits of reuse systems. (Zero Waste Europe)
- Saving the planet from plastic. (<u>Jayati Ghosh</u>)
- 'Absurd' car industry demands the EU triggers crisis clause. (Transport & Environment)
- EU Commission rebuffs car industry calls to delay CO₂ targets. (Euractiv)
- Groundhog day for car manufacturers, but complaining has become absurd. (<u>Julia Poliscanova</u>)
- Electric cars expected to reach market share of up to 24% as carmakers ramp up EV sales to meet EU targets - T&E analysis. (Transport & Environment)
- EU, China trade chiefs agree to look at 'price undertakings' in key EV tariff saga twist. (<u>Euractiv</u>)
- Which carmakers are switching to green steel? An analysis of steel chains and future commitments for fossil-free steel. (ICCT)
- CO₂ emissions from new passenger cars in Europe: carmakers' performance in 2023. (ICCT)
- Common sense solution: How taxes on yachts and private jets can fund climate action. (Euronews)
- New research reveals you may be inhaling microplastics that enter your brain. (<u>Euronews</u>)
- EU must take urgent action against toxic contamination of children's products. (<u>EEB</u>)

- Commission restricts use of a sub-group of PFAS chemicals to protect human health and the environment. (Commission)
- Unchecked AI threatens democracy, warns UN chief. (<u>UN News</u>)
- High-level UN advisory body wants international scientific AI panel. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>The Guardian</u>, <u>UN News</u>, <u>Reuters</u>)
- Improving urban sustainability: Developing an open AI framework for smart cities. An <u>article</u>.
- The Clean Industrial Deal should also address social and environmental issues. (IEEP)
- EU headed for 'big debate on funding' on clean industrial deal, Commission director says.
 (Euractiv)
- Reactions to Draghi report. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>Bruegel</u>, <u>EuroCities</u>, <u>E3G</u>, <u>Euractiv</u>, <u>The Guardian</u>, <u>IIGCC</u>, IDDRI)
- 42 civil society organisations call on EU leaders to free up money for the just transition in the next EU budget. (Zero Waste Europe, Solidar, Euronews, CAN Europe)
- From Brussels to Paris, energy taxation back on the table. (Euractiv)
- Global spending on environmentally harmful subsidies rises to \$2.6 trillion, according to report. (The Guardian)
- EU report: climate adaptation measures needed to close insurance gap. (<u>Green Central Banking</u>)
- Shaping the EU's financial architecture for the future. A report. (HBS)
- Why we need to rewire Europe's financial sector to end fragmentation and strengthen integration. (CEPS)
- Potential economic impact of European sustainable finance. A briefing.
- The EU social taxonomy for sustainable economic activities: exploring the known and navigating current issues and future research. An <u>article</u>.
- Europe should impose higher capital requirements on insurers' fossil fuel investments (Green Central Banking).
- Elderson: central banks cannot ignore risk of natural degradation to economy. (Green Central Banking)
- Funding for biodiversity grows ahead of COP16, but mostly in the form of loans, says OECD.
 (Climate Home News)
- 'Reward those who serve our planet': Von der Leyen comes up with 'nature loans'. (Euractiv)
- Nature-based solutions are good for people and planet, so why are they missing from EU policy? (Kassia Rudd and Laure-Lou Tremblay)
- Turning ambition into action to catalyse nature-based solutions: Insights from 250 good practice policy tools. An <u>article</u>.
- Centre-right and socialists clash over enforcement of EU deforestation law. (<u>Euractiv</u>)
- More than 300 civil society organisations urge the EU to strengthen, not weaken, wolf protection. (WWF)
- EU soil policy priorities for new EU mandate. (<u>EEB</u>)
- MEPs urge EU to end tolerance of pesticide residues in imported food. (<u>Euractiv</u>, <u>EP</u>)
- Report on the influence of some large agri-food companies. (META)
- More than £494bn in subsidies a year in developing countries harmful to climate, says report. (The Guardian)

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Activities

- 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 | <u>Sustainable Places 2024</u>
- 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
- 2024-09-24 | Online | How is climate data shaping EU policy?
- 2024-09-25 | Online | <u>Tech and the new mandate What are the opportunities and challenges?</u>
- 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?
- 2024-09-26 | Online | Launch of the new Green Central Banking Scorecard
- 2024-09-27 | Webinar | <u>Understanding and addressing desertification</u>
- 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 | <u>Conference on Radioactive Waste Management : A Civil Society Perspective</u>
- 2024-10-17 | Online | EU-US trade relations What does the future hold?
- 2024-10-22 | Online | <u>Getting ready for the European green bond standard Stakeholder</u> workshop
- 2024-10-30 | The future of the European raw materials industry How can Europe remain competitive on the global stage?
- 2024-10-31 | Hybrid | <u>The Global Plastic Treaty negotiations: The dynamic between the EU's</u> 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 | <u>Civil Society Dialogue on the impact of EU FTAs on key environmental</u> aspects, including climate
- 2024-11-13 | The path to the climate neutrality of district heating systems Solutions, regulations, technologies
- 2024-11-18 2024-11-22 | <u>European Hydrogen Week</u>
- 2024-12-03 2024-12-05 | Sustainable Future Week
- 2024-12-12 | 4th European EnerGreenDeal Conference

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- 2024-10-22 | Communication on the European Research Area
- 2024-10-30 | Communication on Energy and Climate Diplomacy
- Tbc | <u>Communication on e-commerce</u>



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