



## 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

- COP29 climate conference news: [Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [IEA](#), [META](#), [New Climate Institute](#).
- Environment ministers meet on 14 October to prepare for COP29. ([Council](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Climate world still has no solution for Trump 2.0. ([Politico](#))
- Melting glaciers force Switzerland and Italy to redraw part of Alpine border. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Wildfires are burning through humanity's carbon budget, study shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- How solar geoengineering could disrupt wind and solar power. ([Susanne Baur](#))
- Europeans feel they need more information to prepare for emergencies, a recent Eurobarometer survey shows. ([Commission](#))
- Hearings for the new commissioners are being prepared. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EP](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Engaging older people in climate-resilient communities. ([SEI](#))
- How the EU's energy transition can help combat calls for a 'green pause'. ([ECFR](#))
- How Trump's energy policies could set America back decades. ([Joseph Stiglitz](#))
- Biggest annual growth in renewable energy jobs by 2023 to 16.2 million. ([IRENA](#))
- New report: EU solar jobs growth stagnates as rooftop market slows. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- Member states have set aside enough space for offshore wind to meet their 2030 and 2040 pledges. ([WWF](#))
- Germany sets first national legally binding climate adaptation targets. ([CEW](#))

- EU seeks to define low-carbon hydrogen. ([Euractiv](#))
- No place for carbon removal in emissions reduction policies. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Trading in hot air: Why a market in temporary carbon removal is a bad idea. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Renovations, sustainable building materials can drive Europe's green transition. A report. ([EEA](#))
- Balancing act: fair housing and sustainability in Europe's transition. ([META](#))
- Exposing the invisible: life-cycle policies for climate-neutral buildings. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Reducing resource use for a fairer, cleaner and more resilient Europe. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Striking a balance: Europe's green energy ambitions and the environmental impact of lithium. An [article](#).
- Italy says enough EU countries are ready to back calls for an early emissions review. ([Euractiv](#))
- Rome claims support from member states for an earlier policy review, but EU diplomats tell a different story. ([Politico](#))
- Don't reopen EU 2035 car target, say Volvo, Uber, Ayvens and 47 other companies. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Why the 2035 emissions-free car target is crucial. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The sales challenges facing the European car industry do not indicate a crisis across the sector, explains T&E. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Tariffs won't save European EV production if EU drops CO<sub>2</sub> targets - analysis. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Negotiators move closer to global price for shipping emissions. ([Euractiv](#))
- International maritime sector must set course for equitable and clean transition. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Most shipping emissions would be unaffordable without global carbon tax - analysis. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Airlines greenwashing: what solutions? ([BEUC](#))
- Spike in private jet flights to European holiday destinations. ([Greenpeace](#), [Euronews](#))
- Implementation of the EU's e-SAF mandate. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Cutting through the noise over contrails. ([Krisztina Hencz](#))
- Commission reveals disagreements between general purpose AI providers and other stakeholders. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU-China negotiations continue after 4 October vote on electric vehicles. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU member states must approve tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles or risk undermining European interests and agency. ([Alicia Garcia Herrero et al.](#))
- French AI summit focuses on environmental impact of energy-hungry technology. ([The Guardian](#))
- Data centre emissions are soaring – it's AI or the climate. ([The Conversation](#))
- Exposing generative AI. A report. ([ETUI](#))
- How to ensure a just transition in times of industrial transformation. ([FEPS](#))
- What Draghi didn't say. ([William Todts](#))
- Businesses urge EU action on people and planet. ([Triodos](#))
- EU consumer protection laws need reform, EU Commission's Digital Fairness Fitness Check shows. ([Euractiv](#), [Commission](#))
- German Buschmann wants to reopen negotiations EU rules on sustainability reporting. ([Euractiv](#))
- A process model approach to integrate future climate change into corporate strategies. An [article](#).

- What role do catastrophe bonds play in managing the physical risks from climate change? ([LSE](#))
- Improve global collaboration and modelling to address climate risks, say central bankers. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- The next Biodiversity Conference (COP16) will take place in Colombia from 21 October to 1 November. ([CBD](#), [ENB](#), [SEI](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Too few countries on track to restore nature by 2030, reveals new country tracker ahead of global nature conference. ([WWF](#))
- Commission wants to delay deforestation bill by a year. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [Luciana Téllez Chávez](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Global Witness](#), [Reuters](#), [WRI](#), [Commission](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Biggest contributors to deforestation may escape 'high risk' label under EU benchmarking. ([Euractiv](#))
- Botanists identify 33 global 'dark spots' with thousands of unknown plants. ([The Guardian](#))
- Amazon state that will host COP30 closes 'biggest carbon credit sale in history'. ([Climate Home News](#))
- FAO: innovate and maximise the potential of forests to tackle food and climate problems. ([Euractiv](#))
- National agriculture plans miss EU environmental targets, say European auditors. ([Euractiv](#), [ECA](#), [Arc2020](#))
- EU farmers under pressure to grow big or go bust. A report. ([Greenpeace](#))
- Scientists criticise UN agency's failure to withdraw report on livestock emissions. ([The Guardian](#))
- Stigma on informal labour hinders circular economy initiatives in the Global South. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Africa's small-scale revolution against big agriculture: five farmers talk about greener, better food. ([The Guardian](#))

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## Activities

- 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](#)
- 2024-10-15 | Webinar | [The state of EU right to repair: missing pieces to a thriving repair economy in Europe](#)
- 2024-10-15 | Online | [The role of circular economy and bioeconomy in supporting sustainable agri-food systems to promote sustainable rural/ urban development in the EU](#)
- 2024-10-16 | Online | [The sustainability transition of EU Food Systems: making progress or taking time?](#)
- 2024-10-17 | Hybrid | [Conference on Radioactive Waste Management : A Civil Society Perspective](#)
- 2024-10-17 | Online | [EU-US trade relations – What does the future hold?](#)
- 2024-10-17 | [Workshop on EU Paris-aligned and EU Climate Transition benchmarks](#)
- 2024-10-22 | Online | [Getting ready for the European green bond standard - Stakeholder workshop](#)
- 2024-10-29 | Online | [State of transition in the banking sector 2024](#)

- 2024-10-30 | [The future of the European raw materials industry - How can Europe remain competitive on the global stage?](#)
- 2024-10-30 | [Unlocking Industrial Electrification - The EU Electrification Action Plan](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-11-07 | [20 years after. Perspectives on industrial relations in Central and Eastern Europe since the 2004 EU enlargement](#)
- 2024-11-13 | [The path to the climate neutrality of district heating systems - Solutions, regulations, technologies](#)
- 2024-11-13 | [Financing the green transition of the economy](#)
- 2024-11-15 | Hybrid | [Supporting companies in applying the European sustainability reporting standards](#)
- 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](#)
- Tbc | [Communication on e-commerce](#)



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