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- 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

- News on the COP29 climate conference starting on 11 November: [E3G](#), [E3G](#), [Study EP](#).
- Environment ministers approved their position for COP29: [Council](#), [CAN Europe](#).
- There was a meeting of the [European Council](#) on 17 and 18 October. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Trees and land absorbed almost no CO₂ last year. Is nature's carbon sink failing? ([The Guardian](#))
- 3,000 risk experts and 20,000 citizens call climate change the biggest threat to the world ([Euronews](#))
- EU at risk of falling behind in climate adaptation race. ([ECA](#))
- Climate adaptation using cohesion policy: Promoting adaptation, regional resilience and economic sustainability. A [study](#).
- Global water crisis puts half of world food production at risk over next 25 years. ([The Guardian](#))
- Global target of tripling renewable energy requires USD 1.5 trillion in investment per year. ([IRENA](#), [Politico](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- European wind energy supply chain continues to work towards EU targets. ([WindEurope](#))
- Europe's clean energy future can only be achieved through concerted action. ([WEF](#), [IEA](#))
- EU climate goals at risk from ambition gaps and delays. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Geopolitical tensions expose vulnerabilities in the global energy system, reinforcing the need for faster clean energy expansion. ([IEA](#), [The Guardian](#), [Oil Change International](#), [Euronews](#))

- Twelve EU countries urge Commission to support energy interconnections and lower energy prices. ([Euractiv](#))
- Network tariffs: Paving the way for industrial electrification and competitiveness. ([Euractiv](#))
- Carbon capture doesn't work - yet EU goes for it. ([Belén Balanyá](#))
- Coalition of stakeholders drafts climate-friendly blueprint for EU carbon removal policy. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Why geoengineering is a false solution to the climate crisis. ([CIEL](#))
- 'Isolated' France faces political storm over EU-South America trade deal. ([Politico](#))
- EU wants to give farmers money to overcome French opposition to Mercosur deal. ([Politico](#))
- Unlocking lithium's potential: how to do it sustainably in Europe? ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Europe's lithium-ion battery landscape is evolving, sustainably. ([Euractiv](#))
- Within reach: The 2025 CO₂ targets for new passenger cars in the European Union. ([ICCT](#))
- Tax on Europe's frequent flyers could raise €64bn a year – study. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Railways and clean industry join forces with NGOs to call for the introduction of a fuel tax on planes and ships. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- 'Green claims' directive: Protecting consumers from greenwashing. A [briefing](#).
- Air quality: Council gives final green light to stricter standards in EU. ([Council](#), [EEB](#))
- Gender and toxic substances: The hidden burden of mercury and other hazardous chemicals on women's health. ([META](#))
- Pollution, overuse and climate change threaten Europe's water resilience. A new report. ([EEA](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [EEB](#))
- The growing threat of climate-sensitive infectious diseases. ([Madeleine Thomson and Felipe J Colón-González](#))
- European medical faculties to increase training on diseases linked to climate crisis. ([The Guardian](#))
- Council urges Commission to take effective measures to implement chemicals strategy. ([EEB](#))
- Platform workers: Council adopts new rules to improve their working conditions. ([Council](#))
- Is it worse not to have climate solutions - or to have them but refuse to use them? ([Rebecca Solnit](#))
- Expert group calls for €220bn R&I budget, independent councils and 'radical simplification' ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#))
- Is Europe losing the innovation race? ([Philippe Aghion, Mathias Dewatripont and Jean Tirole](#))
- Draghi's wake-up call: will Europe act or snooze? ([Barry Eichengreen](#))
- Enabling a just transition: the essential role of tax policy. ([PWC](#))
- ECB's Elderson: new financial instruments must take climate into account. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- An analysis of the new European tax rules. ([Sebastian Gechert, Dario Guarascio, Philipp Heimberger, Bernhard Schütz and Francesco Zezza](#))
- Making choices: Behavioural taxation in the EU. A [briefing](#).
- Global biodiversity conference COP16 begins on 21 October: [Briefing EP](#), [Client Earth](#), [The Guardian](#), [Greenpeace](#), [WEF](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [ClientEarth](#), [The Conversation](#), [Amnesty International](#), [IEEP](#), [The Conversation](#), [Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Global Witness](#).
- Environment ministers approved their position for COP16: [Council](#).
- EU deforestation law: Council approves extension of application deadline. ([Council](#), [WWF](#), [Greenpeace](#), [WWF](#), [WEF](#), [Reuters](#))
- Guidance and recommendations for ambitious nature restoration plans. A report. ([IEEP](#))
- Reducing emissions from agriculture: Reflection on the possible design and scope of an EU emissions trading system for agriculture. ([EEB](#))
- Making the most of the EU's new Clean Trade and Investment Partnerships. ([Bruegel](#))

- The South is at the forefront of the renewable energy revolution. ([Vikram Singh](#))

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Activities

- 2024-10-22 | Online | [Getting ready for the European green bond standard - Stakeholder workshop](#)
- 2024-10-28 | Online | [Policy engagement to accelerate adaptation action](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-11-04 | Webinar | [The Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2024: Insights for COP29](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-11-07 | Online | [The Clean Industrial Deal: Decarbonizing Europe's energy-intensive industries?](#)
- 2024-11-12 | [Circularity in the automotive sector - The end-of-life vehicles regulation proposal](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-11-19 | [Minimum income schemes and their role in the eco-social welfare state](#)
- 2024-11-20 | Online | [Just transition in Europe and beyond: The role of EU policies](#)
- 2024-11-20 | [Automated vehicles - A roadmap for the future?](#)
- 2024-12-03 – 2024-12-05 | [Sustainable Future Week](#)
- 2024-12-05 – 2024-12-06 | Hybrid | [Rethink Circularity: European Circular Economy Summit 2024](#)
- 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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