The European Green Deal
We want to reconcile our economy with our planet, and make it work for our people.

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

- Copernicus: 2024 almost certainly the warmest year and first year above 1.5°C. (Copernicus, Euronews, The Guardian)
- State of the Climate: 2024 will be first year with more than 1.5C global warming. (CarbonBrief)
- News on the COP29 climate conference starting on 11 November (UNFCCC, ENB): Amnesty International, CarbonBrief, E3G, E3G, Euronews, Climate Home News, New Climate Institute, Transparency International EU, Nargiz Mukhtarova, Climate Home News, CarbonBrief, E3G, Carbon Market Watch, Euronews, The Guardian, ILO, Climate Home News, CarbonBrief, E3G, SEI, UNEP, Politico, Mukhtar Babayev, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, CIEL, Climate Home News, E3G, Global Witness.
- Amsterdam, London, Madrid: Europe's biggest 'nerve centres' increasingly threatened by climate change. (Euronews)
- Hearings will take place from 4 to 12 November for the new Commissioners: Politico, Euractiv, EP, WWF, New Climate Institute, CAN Europe, Politico, Joanna Swabe, Euractiv, Aline Maigret and Axel Darut and Françoise Bonnet, Euractiv, Euractiv, Euronews, Politico, Euractiv, Euractiv, Arc2020, SolarPower Europe, Politico, Politico, Transport & Environment, Euractiv, Euronews, Politico.
- NGOs send complaints calling on European Commission to take legal action against flawed climate plans. (CAN Europe)
- Transition to clean energy continues to accelerate, but progress is uneven. (IEA)

- Much faster progress on energy efficiency is needed to meet the global 2030 target. ([IEA](#))
- Experts: What does a Trump presidency mean for climate action? ([CarbonBrief](#))
- 'A wrecking ball': experts warn Trump's win sets back global climate action. ([The Guardian](#))
- What Trump got wrong on China, coal and climate. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Broadening the debate on carbon removal beyond the ETS. ([Felix Schenuit and Mark Preston Aragones](#))
- The missing social justice dimension of residual emissions. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Scientists conclude that plastic pollution is changing the entire Earth system. ([The Guardian](#), [article](#))
- Green public procurement is a no-brainer that can almost halve emissions from building products with a minimal price tag, new data shows. ([ECOS](#))
- Joint letter - For an ambitious EU mandate with a holistic vision of the circular economy. ([ECOS](#), [EEB](#), [META](#), [ACR+](#))
- The new circular economy Commissioner must prioritise (waste) prevention over cure. ([Right to Repair](#))
- Assessing the development of the circular economy in EU countries based on the SAW methodology. An [article](#).
- NGOs call for rapid revision of the directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment. ([EEB](#))
- 39 billion euros a year of public investment would enable green transport in Europe - study. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Social leasing: a key measure for national Social Climate Plans. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- 'Used like taxis': Soaring private jet flights drive up climate-heating emissions. ([The Guardian](#))
- PFAS mixtures more toxic than single compounds, suggesting higher danger. ([The Guardian](#))
- For a broad, class-based approach to PFAS. ([META](#))
- Tackling pollution and energy poverty is key to reducing chronic respiratory diseases in Europe. ([EEA](#))
- Danish and Swedish industry push for fewer, simpler EU funding programmes. ([Euractiv](#))
- Europe will compete with the US and China on 'smart decarbonisation'. ([Julian Popov](#))
- Clean Industrial Deal - ECOS recommendations. ([ECOS](#))
- Joint CSO and business demands a "Clean" Industrial Deal that works for the planet and its people. ([EEB](#))
- Public money, public benefits: Call for social and environmental conditions in business support. ([CAN Europe](#))
- Why social investment is key to making the Draghi report a reality. ([Anton Hemerijck and David Bokhorst](#))
- EU adopts rules to better measure environmental contribution to economy. ([Council](#))
- Ensuring justice in Europe's sustainability transition. A report. ([EEA](#))
- Towards a holistic framework for transition planning in the EU. ([E3G](#))
- People around the world use courts to question whether climate policies are fair - new research. ([GreenDeal-NET](#))
- Lack of flood insurance in US could cost trillions of dollars. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- 180+ organisations call on EU Commission to provide climate, nature and public health safeguards and protect people. ([WWF](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Is the Basel framework up to the challenge of climate risk? ([Green Central Banking](#))
- G20 group agrees to advance financial solutions to climate change. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Why do we need a permanent carbon removal target. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))

- Global biodiversity conference COP16 concludes (CBD, ENB): The Guardian, The Guardian, UN News, ICC, Climate Home News, CarbonBrief, Euronews, WRI, Nature, Commissie, CAN International, BirdLife, Climate Home News, Nature, EPC.
- What will it take to halt biodiversity loss? A report. (Global Footprint Network)
- Centre-right wants to further erode EU deforestation law. (Arc2020, WWF, Greenpeace)
- Revealed: billionaires are 'ultimate beneficiaries' of €3bn in EU farm subsidies. (The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian)
- Do the 28 CAP Strategic Plans Progress Fairness for Farmers? (Arc2020)
- We are having the wrong conversation about agriculture and nature. (Sjoukje Heimovaara)
- Europe missing out on the potential of food waste, with almost 75% ending up in landfills or incinerated. (Zero Waste Europe)
- Council publishes figures international climate finance 2023. (Council)
- Great leap forward needed for climate adaptation, starting with financial pledges at COP 29. (UNEP)
- A framework for distributive equity of adaptation finance: how funders and implementers of adaptation finance can support the most vulnerable populations. (SEI)
- EU official expects Mercosur trade deal this year, rejects changes to deforestation law. (Reuters)

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Activities

- 2024-11-12 | Circularity in the automotive sector - The end-of-life vehicles regulation proposal
- 2024-11-12 | Hybrid | The Regulation of Critical Minerals in International Treaties: A Human Rights Perspective
- 2024-11-12 | Building a safer digital environment – Protecting consumers in the EU
- 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
- 2024-11-13 | Online | Launch of the Soil Atlas 2024
- 2024-11-14 | Hybrid | Environmental Law Lecture #18: Building a Safe Haven for Marine Life or Getting Lost at the Sea?
- 2024-11-15 | Hybrid | Supporting companies in applying the European sustainability reporting standards
- 2024-11-15 | Hybrid | Organic food: good for farmers, workers, climate, and the environment
- 2024-11-18 – 2024-11-22 | European Hydrogen Week
- 2024-11-19 | Minimum income schemes and their role in the eco-social welfare state
- 2024-11-19 | Hybrid | Green Claims & Carbon Markets: A framework for transparency to support Europe's path to net zero
- 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?
- 2024-11-20 | Webinar | Launch of the "Field guide to researching employment and industrial relations"
- 2024-11-21 | Strengthening participation in Europe's energy transition

- 2024-11-21 | [Charting the way forward for EU geoeconomic policy: From disentangling Global Gateway to shaping future directions](#)
- 2024-11-27 | Hybrid | [The Milieudefensie v Shell decision: Where next for corporate climate litigation?](#)
- 2024-11-28 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #19: Fake it ´till you make it: Regulatory control of chemical risks in reach](#)
- 2024-12-02 | Hybrid | [The urban mobility transition – How can the EU achieve more sustainable transport](#)
- 2024-12-03 | ['Made in Europe': a fair industrial policy for wind power manufacturing](#)
- 2024-12-03 – 2024-12-05 | [Sustainable Future Week](#)
- 2024-12-04 | Online | [Reflections on and beyond COP29: Prospects of global climate governance](#)
- 2024-12-05 – 2024-12-06 | Hybrid | [Rethink Circularity: European Circular Economy Summit 2024](#)
- 2024-12-12 | [4th European EnerGreenDeal Conference](#)
- 2025-02-13 – 2025-02-14 | [Cyborg workers 2.0. The past, present and future of automated labour - the social and environmental costs of big tech](#)

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Commission documents

- 2024-11-26 | European Semester Package

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