



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

- News on the COP29 climate conference which began on 11 November ([UNFCCC](#), [ENB](#)): [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Greta Thunberg](#), [Mukhtar Babayev](#), [Ban Ki-moon](#), [The Guardian](#), [Jillian Ambrose](#), [EP](#), [Commission](#), [OHCHR](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Teresa Anderson](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [E3G](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#), [SEI](#), [LSE](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#), [IRENA](#), [Copernicus](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Adam Morton](#), [CIEL](#), [ICC](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [SEI](#), [Global Witness](#), [Oil Change International](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Politico](#), [The Guardian](#), [Reuters](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Ali Mohamed](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [E3G](#), [IRENA](#), [CEO](#), [Global Witness](#), [Oil Change International](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [George Monbiot](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [EP](#), [E3G](#), [SEI](#).
- Global carbon emissions from fossil fuels hit record high in 2024. ([Global Carbon Project](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- 'Minimal progress' made this year in reducing global warming, report shows. ([Climate Action Tracker](#), [The Guardian](#), [New Climate Institute](#))
- What a 1.5C overshoot would mean for climate change impacts and adaptation. ([Carl-Friedrich Schleussner et al.](#))
- Extreme weather cost \$2 trillion globally in last decade, report shows. ([The Guardian](#), [ICC](#))
- Spanish floods: denial and misinformation can cost lives. ([Greenpeace](#))

- Environmental policy vs reality of greenhouse gas emissions of highest-emitting countries. An [article](#).
- Commission must hold EU countries to account on climate obligations. ([Chiara Martinelli and Christoph Bals and Ciara Brennan and Ida Edling and Jérémie Suissa and Lucie Greyl and Mariagrazia Midulla](#))
- From 4 to 12 November, the hearings took place for the new Commissioners: [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Natalia Hidalgo Martínez](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [Politico](#), [E3G](#).
- The key role of sufficiency for low-demand-based carbon neutrality and energy security across Europe. An [article](#).
- Managing the growth of offshore wind energy and marine ecosystem protection in Europe. ([EEA](#))
- Global employment in the energy sector to grow 3.8% by 2023, faster than the economy as a whole. ([IEA](#))
- AI-backed policy guide: using energy efficiency to combat energy poverty in the EU. ([Öko-Institut](#))
- Carbon markets and their implications for a just transition for all. ([ILO](#))
- Climate impact of carbon credits significantly overestimated. ([Öko-Institut](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Buildings in hot climate zones - Quantifying energy and CO₂ reduction potential for different architectural and building installation measures. An [article](#).
- EU's Critical Resources Act needs better financial support, say industry experts. ([Euractiv](#))
- Global plastic production must come down to curb pollution, says research. ([The Guardian](#), [Science](#))
- Cities cannot afford to wait for governments to tackle fast fashion. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- Extended producer responsibility: a step forward towards a circular textile system. ([Öko-Institut](#))
- Aviation: Reduce contrail warming for less than €4 per ticket per flight ticket - new study. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Establishing an emissions control area for ships in the North Atlantic could prevent several thousand premature deaths by 2050. ([ICCT](#))
- Making waves: The international implications and opportunities of the EU carbon market for shipping. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Improving user experience when charging electric vehicles in public. ([ICCT](#))
- Can EU tariffs on Chinese electric cars save the car industry? ([Béla Galgóczi](#))
- Limiting PFAS also means limiting fluoropolymers. ([META](#))
- Europe can build a competitive renewable hydrogen value chain to decarbonise hard to electrify sectors. ([WindEurope](#))
- A question of demand - hydrogen and renewable electricity for EU steel and iron transition. ([LeadIt](#))
- Why Draghi is wrong about Europe's solar sector. ([Johan Lindahl](#))
- The just energy transition ignores labour outside the formal economy. So is it just? ([Diana Vela-Almeida](#))
- Economic consequences of climate change may be worse than anticipated, says NGFS. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- 94% of Europeans support climate change adaptation measures, according to EIB survey. ([EIB](#))
- European insurance authority recognises high risk fossil fuel assets. ([Reclaim Finance](#), [Green Central Banking](#))
- A safe climate depends on a changed IMF - here's what needs to change. ([Rakesh Mohan](#))

- A safe climate depends on a transformed IMF – here’s how it must change. ([Eero Yrjö-Koskinen](#))
- The transformation of European climate litigation. ([LSE](#))
- Shell's successful appeal will not end climate lawsuits against firms, experts say. ([The Guardian](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- EP weakened deforestation law. ([EP](#), [WWF](#), [Arc2020](#), [BirdLife](#), [Greenpeace](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Global Witness](#))
- Global biodiversity offsetting doesn’t work – keep schemes local, say experts. ([The Guardian](#))
- Meat, oil and pesticide industry lobbyists came to COP16 in record numbers. ([The Guardian](#))
- The invisible poison: how mercury pollution is devastating bird populations. ([META](#))
- Healthy soils hand in hand with food security, climate and conservation. ([HBS](#), [Arc2020](#))
- Soil monitoring and resilience directive. A [briefing](#).
- Want food security? Eat less meat, says a major report. ([Politico](#), [report](#))
- The European board on agri-food: role and operational framework. ([IEEP](#))
- According to top economists, poorer countries will need \$1 trillion a year in climate finance by 2030. ([LSE](#), [The Guardian](#), [LSE](#))
- With more climate finance, Africa can lead the green industrial revolution. ([Ali Mohamed](#))
- EU, Mercosur seek trade deal in early December - to France's dismay. ([Politico](#), [Politico](#), [CAN Europe](#), [BEUC](#))

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Activities

- 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](#)
- 2024-11-21 | Online | [The heat is on: can consumers warm to heat pumps?](#)
- 2024-11-22 | [How can the EU rapidly decarbonise heavy-duty road transport?](#)
- 2024-11-27 | Hybrid | [The Milieudéfensie 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](#)
- 2024-12-03 | [Towards 2040 and beyond: The role of carbon removals in the EU climate framework](#)
- 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](#)
- 2024-12-11 | [Financing Europe's future - Bridging the investment gap in an era of twin transitions](#)
- 2024-12-12 | [4th European EnerGreenDeal Conference](#)
- 2025-01-24 | [A long-view EU: How can intergenerational fairness shape different futures](#)
- 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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