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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 which began on 11 November ([UNFCCC](#), [ENB](#)): [Club of Rome](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [LSE](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [Nicoline de Haan](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [E3G](#), [E3G](#), [E3G](#), [LSE](#), [LSE](#), [IRENA](#), [CEO](#), [Global Witness](#), [IIED](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [Surangel Whipps Jr](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Kristin Qui](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Sandra Guzmán Luna](#), [CAN Europe](#), [SEI](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [EIB](#), [B Corp](#), [Elizabeth Bast](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Euronews](#), [George Monbiot](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [WWF](#), [Mattias Söderberg](#), [Bertha Argueta](#), [Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio and Ana Mulio Alvarez](#), [Climate Home News](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [E3G](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [E3G](#), [Global Witness](#).
- World's 1.5C climate target 'deader than a doornail', experts say. ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate crisis responsible for dozens of 'impossible' heatwaves, study shows. ([The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Q&A: The evolving science of 'extreme weather attribution'. ([CarbonBrief](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- 2023 among the five worst years for forest fires in Europe, Commission report shows. ([Commission](#))
- Eight times more children will face extreme heatwaves by 2050, says Unicef. ([The Guardian](#))
- The climate crisis in charts: how 2024 set unwanted new records. ([The Guardian](#))

- There is a deal to appoint the new Commission. ([Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [CEO](#))
- GreenDeal-NET's mid-year survey research highlights #4. ([GreenDeal-NET](#))
- No fossil fuel phase-out yet despite rapid growth of renewables. ([New Climate Institute](#), [CCPI](#))
- European gas imports almost a third more polluting than previously thought. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Sustainable power supply: EU proposes new rules for external power supplies. ([ECOS](#))
- Boosting participation in the energy transition. ([HBS](#))
- What is the status of energy poverty in the European Union? ([Energy Transition](#))
- Policy momentum behind critical minerals recycling gathering pace but greater uptake required. ([IEA](#))
- Implementation of the EU law on critical raw materials. A [briefing](#).
- Five companies in plastic pollution alliance 'made 1,000 times more plastic than they cleaned up'. ([The Guardian](#))
- While the petrochemical industry is touting chemical recycling as a solution to the plastic waste crisis, insiders acknowledge that the technology will not be commercially viable for another 50 years, a new article reveals. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- Circular economy: The future nexus for sustainable and resilient supply chains? An [article](#).
- Implementing circular economy principles: evidence from different cases. An [article](#).
- Addressing the EU's digital ambitions for the next five years. ([CEPS](#))
- Big Tech's AI dream turns into Ireland's energy nightmare. ([Politico](#))
- AI could cause 'social rifts' between people who disagree on its sentience. ([Robert Booth](#))
- Gender equality in the EU. Why we need a renewed commitment to gender mainstreaming. ([ETUI](#))
- Impacts of climate litigation on firm value. An [article](#).
- Shell's legal victory is disappointing - but this is not the end for corporate climate litigation. ([Annalisa Savaresi](#), [Harro van Asselt](#))
- The High-Stakes Gamble of Doing Nothing: Why Business Must Act Now. ([Stefan Stern](#))
- The new economic governance framework: implications for monetary policy. A [report](#).
- Environmental, social and governance (ESG) ratings: Council gives green light to new regulation. ([Council](#))
- Products made with forced labour: Council approves ban. ([Council](#))
- A report on financial sector lobbying around CSDD. ([Eiris Foundation](#), [Richard Howitt](#))
- EU to re-open and merge CSRD, CS3D and Taxonomy. ([REP](#))
- Transition losses unlikely to threaten EU financial stability, 'Fit For 55' climate stress test shows. ([ESMA](#))
- For a clear approach to economic policy and financial regulation to tackle climate challenges. ([I4CE](#))
- What European commissioners say about sustainable finance. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- EIB sees energy efficiency as a new, valuable but technically complex asset class. ([EIB](#))
- Green taxonomy comparison aims to improve cross-border sustainable investment. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Transition plans need to be mandatory to be effective, experts say. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- EU continues to be a global leader on sustainable finance. ([Commission](#))
- New report: EU falls short of 2030 biodiversity targets. ([BirdLife](#))
- Council gives green light to EU certification framework for permanent carbon removal, carbon farming and carbon storage in products. ([Council](#))
- What lessons should the EU learn from the Deforestation Regulation controversy? ([Bruegel](#))

- EU countries resist attempts by MEPs to reopen deforestation law. ([Euronews](#), [Politico](#), [Council](#), [Greenpeace](#), [WWF](#))
- EU deforestation regulation at risk: Will the new European institutions maintain their environmental ambition? ([IUCN](#))
- Countries could use nature to ‘cheat’ on net zero targets, scientists warn. ([The Guardian](#))
- How regenerative agriculture can make climate solutions more resilient. ([WEF](#))
- Empowering Cities: The Missing Link in Europe’s Sustainable Food Future. ([Anna Scavuzzo and David Dessers](#))
- France will not sign EU-Mercosur agreement, confirms Emmanuel Macron. ([Euractiv](#))
- Scholz steps up pressure to finalise Mercosur trade deal. ([Politico](#))

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Activities

- 2024-11-27 | Hybrid | [The Milieudefensie v Shell decision: Where next for corporate climate litigation?](#)
- 2024-11-27 | Online | [FIIA Climate Briefing: Analysis of the Baku Climate Meeting](#)
- 2024-11-28 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #19: Fake it ‘till you make it: Regulatory control of chemical risks in reach](#)
- 2024-11-28 | [Relocation. An old problem in search of new answers](#)
- 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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