



## 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: Five most dramatic moments of the UN climate summit in Baku. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Analysis: Why the \$300bn climate finance target is even less ambitious than it seems. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Stay cool, Europe: securing progress on climate-friendly gases. ([META](#))
- Top UN court begins hearings in historic climate case. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [UN News](#), [CIEL](#), [DW](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#), [The Conversation](#))
- Environment ministers will meet on 17 December. Among other things, they will discuss the 2040 climate target. ([Council](#), [EEB](#))
- What is the real toll of natural and climate disasters? Science has staggering new answers. ([Devi Sridhar](#))
- US elections and climate action prospects: key takeaways for the EU. ([EPC](#))
- Land degradation expanding by 1m sq km a year, study shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Northvolt collapse shows stamina and leadership are lacking for Europe to realise its battery ambition. ([Julia Poliscanova](#))
- Wanted: more than 200,000 wind workers - but where to find them? ([WindEurope](#))
- Europe not yet reaping the benefits of repowering old wind farms. ([WindEurope](#))
- Local energy communities are pinning their hopes on the new Commission. ([Euractiv](#))
- 'Climate bomb' warning of \$200 billion in new gas projects. ([The Guardian](#), [Reclaim Finance](#))

- Five lessons for protecting critical infrastructure in times of crisis. ([SEI](#))
- Learning from CBAM's transitional phase: Early impacts on trade and climate efforts. ([CER](#))
- Modification of solar radiation: EU should reject solar geoengineering and support non-use approach. ([CIEL](#))
- Green reforms to energy investment treaty (ECT) pass key hurdle. ([Climate Home News](#))
- The Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) remains the most dangerous investment treaty for the energy transition. ([E3G](#), [FoEE](#))
- Decarbonisation Scenarios for the European Residential Sector. An [article](#).
- The EU race to clean energy: at what cost? ([META](#))
- The risks of accelerated mining projects under the CRMA. ([EEB](#))
- International talks on reducing plastic pollution fail to reach agreement. ([The Guardian](#), [Politico](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Commission](#))
- Improving recycling quality will support circular economy. ([EEA](#))
- Circular textiles policy review: considerations for EU trading partner countries. ([EEB](#))
- Further together: How the EU can work more closely with trading partners to achieve a sustainable and circular textile economy. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Commission will not delay ban on internal combustion engines until after 2035, warns Ribera ([Euractiv](#))
- Ursula von der Leyen has just entered the car wars. Here's how she can win. ([William Todts](#))
- China automakers pivot to hybrids for Europe to counter EV tariffs. ([Euractiv](#))
- Most carmakers 'not committed' to electrification and just transition. ([CSO Futures](#))
- Mobility as a service (MaaS): insights from pilot studies in different Italian settings. An [article](#).
- EU transport regulation in a new context: manifesto for the next five years. ([EUI](#))
- Airline rankings: only 10 airlines have serious plans to switch to green fuels. ([Transport & Environment](#), [Euronews](#))
- Amid climate disasters, can shipping drive the shift to a sustainable future? ([Sian Prior](#))
- Pathways to clean air in cities. A report. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Improving the health and resilience of waters in Europe. ([EEA](#))
- About time: European Parliament finally gives green light to negotiations on water pollutants. ([EEB](#))
- 'No idea' how to implement EU's new AI rules: leader insurance lobby. ([Euronews](#))
- Q&A: EU seeks to boost competitiveness via Clean Industrial Deal. ([CEW](#))
- A unified industrial strategy for the EU. ([ZOE Institute](#))
- Guiding emissions-intensive sectors through the green transition. ([Hertie School](#))
- Decarbonising for competitiveness: four ways to lower European energy prices. ([Bruegel](#))
- If Europe wants a competitive green economy, it needs hard data. ([Aneta Stefańczyk](#))
- Can the EU export its values? How 'Social Europe' is shaping global labour standards. ([Damian Raess and Patrick Wagner](#))
- A capability approach to the Sustainable Development Goals: towards positive human rights obligations for companies. An [article](#).
- Climate investments in Europe need to double, and the clock is ticking. ([Dorthe Nielsen and Benoît Leguet](#))
- Closing the EU's climate investment gap more efficiently. ([Peter Sweatman](#))
- Thinking about the implications: How countries plan to finance their climate transition. ([I4CE](#))
- Aligning capital markets with Europe's transition needs. ([E3G](#))
- 5 key facts about the EU's capital requirements regulation. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Credit guidance: How we achieve degrowth. ([Jason Hickel](#))

- Why climate stress tests should support investments and what role regulators can play. ([Philip Tapsall](#))
- How climate risks are driving up insurance premiums in the US. ([The Guardian](#))
- Civil society organisations call on EFRAG to protect standards for Europe's green transition. ([WWF](#))
- COP29 outcomes: balancing progress and challenges towards climate action. ([UNEP FI](#))
- Looking beyond COP29: How can we create a roadmap for sustainable climate finance? ([IEEFA](#))
- Bridging Business and Nature: New WWF report supports companies in crafting Nature Transition Plans. ([WWF](#))
- The conflicting practices in using land to tackle climate change. ([Evelyn Beauiry](#))
- Wolves lose protection as EU lowers bar on wildlife shooting. ([The Guardian](#), [Commission](#), [EEB](#), [WWF](#))
- EU reaches deal on saving core of deforestation law. ([WWE](#), [Politico](#), [EP](#), [Commission](#), [Council](#), [Global Witness](#))
- Amazon forest protection deal in jeopardy as big companies step up pressure. ([The Guardian](#))
- Global North countries must step up on protecting their own forests. ([Sikeade Egbuwalo](#))
- The scramble for hydrogen in South Africa. ([CEO](#))
- Negotiators EU and Mercosur reportedly reach agreement on disastrous trade deal. ([Greenpeace](#))
- Franco-German fight over South American trade deal threatens EU rupture. ([Politico](#))

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#### Activities

- 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](#)
- 2024-12-11 | [Speak Up Conference "Lost in Transition?"](#)
- 2024-12-14 | Online | [Briefing: Net Zero Good Practice - what defines a credible net zero strategy?](#)
- 2024-12-12 | [4th European EnerGreenDeal Conference](#)
- 2025-01-24 | [A long-view EU: How can intergenerational fairness shape different futures](#)
- 2025-01-24 | Webinar | [Launch event "Water in a heated world"](#)
- 2025-02-05 | [Climate Transition: Challenges and Opportunities for Funds in the Second and Third Pension Pillars in Belgium](#)
- 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](#)
- 2025-02-20 | [Forum Voedsel in een veranderende wereld](#) - [Forum L'alimentation dans un monde en transition](#)

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#### Commission documents

- 2024-12-11 | [Orientation debate on EU-US relations](#)

- 2024-12-17 | [European Semester – Autumn Package II - Joint Employment Report - Alert Mechanism report - Euro Area Recommendation](#)
- 2025-01-15 | [Competitiveness Compass | Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report](#)
- 2025-02-05 | [Communication on tackling challenges with e-commerce platforms](#)
- 2025-02-11 | [2025 Commission work programme](#)
- 2025-02-19 | [A Vision for Agriculture and Food](#)
- 2025-02-26 | [Clean Industrial Deal | Omnibus simplification package](#)
- 2025-03-05 | [Union of Skills | Roadmap for Women’s Rights](#)



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