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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

- Second warmest November worldwide confirms forecast for 2024 as warmest year. ([Copernicus](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Copernicus](#))
- Young people at greater risk of heat-related deaths this century - study. ([The Guardian](#))
- Dry areas now make up 40% of the earth's land, not including Antarctica, according to research. ([The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Small island states face climate-induced 'catastrophe', experts warn. ([The Guardian](#))
- COP29: Key points from Baku on the road to Belem. ([E3G](#), [E3G](#))
- Environmental ministers will meet on 17 December. Among the issues at stake will be the 2040 climate target. ([Council](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Why the EU needs an energy efficiency target for 2040. ([Verena Bax](#))
- Towards a climate and energy union - The constitutional basis for a sustainable transformation. A [study](#).
- EU climate chief warns of 'geopolitical winter'. ([Politico](#))
- The bridge to net zero is more important than the destination. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- How well is Europe really doing in the race for clean energy? ([Energy Storage Coalition](#))
- Standardisation and certification boost international markets for green hydrogen derivatives. ([IRENA](#))
- Governments remain deadlocked over energy tax reform. ([Euronews](#))
- EU should ban space mirrors and other solar geoengineering, say scientists. ([The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#))

- Europe's energy poverty problem gets worse, country-specific solutions needed. ([Euractiv](#))
- Europe's key to mainstream clean heating. ([META](#))
- New EU building policy monitor reveals climate progress and critical gaps. ([WBGC](#))
- Market-driven approach to plastic pollution doesn't end inequality - and waste pickers make themselves heard. ([The Conversation](#))
- Joint call for ambitious recycled plastic targets in EU vehicle regulation. ([EEB](#))
- Circular economy for resource security in the European Union (EU): case study, research framework and future directions. An [article](#).
- Right to repair and circular economy. Digging deeper: Conversations on mining and just transitions. ([TNI](#))
- We want European car manufacturers to succeed, but delaying the rules is not enough. ([Chris Heron, Lucie Mattera and Julia Poliscanova](#))
- Why the car industry will not pay €15bn in fines by 2025. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Europe needs 35 thousand public megawatt chargers for electric trucks by 2030, industry says. ([Euractiv](#))
- Battery metal recycling could supply up to a quarter of Europe's electric cars by 2030 - research. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Compliance with the EU's carbon footprint requirements for electric vehicle batteries. ([CEPS](#))
- How old batteries can contribute to a more sustainable EU. ([Commission](#))
- New research shows EU cities need a combination of technology and regulation to achieve net zero. ([Euractiv](#))
- European vehicle market statistics 2024/25. ([ICCT](#))
- Race to zero: the evolution of the European heavy-duty vehicle market (January - September 2024). ([ICCT](#))
- Pricey tickets, poor service: rail rankings reveal the best and worst in Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Reading skills of more than 500,000 children affected by traffic noise in Europe. ([EEA](#))
- PFAS above threshold levels found in many water bodies in Europe. ([EEA](#))
- PFAS found in mineral water from several European countries. ([The Guardian](#))
- New report shows EU chemical companies repeatedly marketing toxic substances with impunity. ([ClientEarth](#))
- Health and environmental effects of exposure to air pollution remain high across Europe. ([EEA](#), [Euronews](#))
- Ecological crisis from children's perspective: Lessons learned and their importance for shaking up social awareness. An [article](#).
- EU calls for reclassification of platform workers, but how will platforms respond? ([Tiago Vieira and Pedro Mendonca](#))
- EU adapts product liability rules to digital age and circular economy. ([Commission](#))
- Europe jumps into 'incredibly expensive' AI supercomputer race. ([Politico](#))
- Changing green rules won't help industry, says EU climate chief. ([Politico](#))
- New EU competition policy chief announces reform of antitrust and state aid rules. ([The Guardian](#))
- Northvolt's struggle: a warning for the EU Clean Industrial Deal. ([Bruegel](#))
- Between climate action and competitiveness: Towards a coherent industrial policy in the EU. ([EcoLogic](#))
- Electrification: A crucial step towards a low-carbon industry. ([Jan Rosenow and Sem Oxenaar](#))
- CCUS for steel production is rapidly losing its luster. ([IEEFA](#))
- Q&A: What could a US-China trade war mean for the energy transition? ([CarbonBrief](#))

- Shaping strong EU partnerships - guiding principles and key considerations. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- Evidence-based policymaking. An investigation into the future-proofing of impact assessments in the European Union. ([ZOE Institute](#))
- Historical opinion on climate change: what the case for the International Court of Justice could mean. ([The Conversation](#), [The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- A just transition for Europe: EESC argues for just and inclusive green policies. ([EESC](#))
- Just transitions: Conceptual tools for policy reflection. ([PBL](#))
- More than 90 organisations representing civil society, businesses, banks and investors express deep concern about the EU's misrepresentation of sustainability reporting as a threat to competitiveness. ([WWF](#), [Finance Watch](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- The Clean Clothes Campaign urges the EU Commission not to focus on deregulation at the expense of workers, human rights and the environment. ([Clean Clothes Campaign](#))
- US prepares to scrap European due diligence law. ([REP](#))
- COP29 delegates have left Baku, but financing challenge remains. ([Sébastien Postic](#))
- Planning for success - how transition plans support climate finance mobilisation. ([E3G](#))
- Political volatility ahead is likely to affect - but not derail - the path to scaling up financing for the climate transition. ([E3G](#))
- Climate change price tag of more than 550 billion drives up insurance costs, report says ([Euronews](#), [Insure Our Future](#), [Reclaim Finance](#))
- Rising climate losses threaten insurance sector and financial stability. ([Ilan Noy](#))
- From idea(s) to action: the why, how and what (now) of green central banking. ([CEPS](#))
- EU stress test reveals financial impacts of transition risks. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Asset managers' investments risky for climate and their clients. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- Climate change, environmental sustainability and financial risk: are we close to understanding? An [article](#).
- Volatile temperatures and their effects on equity returns and corporate performance. ([LSE](#))
- The case for adaptive inflation targeting: monetary policy in a hot and volatile world. ([LSE](#))
- Differences in pollution capitalisation rates: the role of direct and systemic discrimination. ([LSE](#))
- Put forest resilience at heart of carbon storage incentives budget, say experts. ([Euractiv](#))
- Deforestation law not enough to save tropical forests, EU must consider consequences ([Euractiv](#))
- Silent performers: European shipping companies transporting deforestation-related beef around the world. ([Euronews](#))
- Wolves face increased risk after Bern Convention protections removed. ([Euractiv](#))
- A competitive agricultural sector in the EU based on an agriculture-centric common agricultural policy: Council adopts conclusions. ([Council](#))
- Food companies urge Commission to reform environmental payments CAP. ([WWF](#))
- Global food production at increased risk from too much salt in soil, warns UN report. ([The Guardian](#))
- Regenerative agriculture, unleash superpowers of soil, reduce greenhouse gases, increase farm incomes. ([Euractiv](#))
- Climate crisis: Civil society urges EU for just transition in agriculture. ([Slow Food](#), [WWF](#))
- Seizing the moment for a sustainable agricultural and food future. ([IFOAM](#))
- World Bank raises \$100 billion for poor countries in push for climate finance. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Heavy industries - Trade, climate and net zero paths. ([E3G](#))
- The geography of green iron and steel: New opportunities for Europe and North Africa. ([ECDPM](#))

- EU and Mercosur reach political agreement on partnership. ([Commission](#), [DW](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Hélder Sousa Silva](#), [Bruno Luciano and Gustavo G. Müller and Maria Martins](#), [Politico](#))

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Activities

- 2024-12-14 | Online | [Briefing: Net Zero Good Practice - what defines a credible net zero strategy?](#)
- 2024-12-17 | Online | [Shaping Strong EU Partnerships](#)
- 2024-12-17 | Online | [Electrifying Global Road Transport with Less Mining: Policy Insights for the EU and U.S.](#)
- 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](#)
- 2025-02-06 | Webinar | [Environmental Law Lecture #20: Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control: A Critical Legal Perspective on All-inclusive Integration](#)
- 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

- 2024-12-17 | [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](#)
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