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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

- Hearings for world's biggest climate case end at ICJ. ([Euronews](#), [Grethel Aguilar](#), [CIEL](#))
- Some reflections on COP29: [Brice Böhmer](#), [CIEL](#).
- Environment ministers met on 17 December. ([Council](#))
- Striving for change: The EU's 2040 climate target. ([WWF](#))
- As Earth dries out, countries fail to reach agreement on drought. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Trump 2.0 will harm the planet and open the door to America's green rivals: EU climate chief. ([Politico](#))
- Biden declares tougher 2035 emissions targets weeks before Trump's return. ([The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Parliament and Council pave way for use of EU funds to finance reconstruction after natural disasters. ([EP](#), [Council](#))
- There was a meeting of the [European Council](#) on 19 December. ([Politico](#))
- Electrification for 100% from renewables: the electrification action plan civil society wants. ([CAN Europe](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- Industry calls on Jørgensen to publish electrification action plan within first 100 days. ([Euractiv](#))
- Why electrifying industry is best for long-term competitiveness in Europe. ([Eurelectric](#))
- Geothermal energy: Council calls for faster deployment. ([Council](#))
- Technological breakthroughs unlock huge potential of geothermal energy in countries around the world. ([IEA](#))

- New report: European solar sector issues yellow card as market data reveals 92% growth decline and investment slump. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- One year on from European Wind Charter: much achieved, much more to do. ([WindEurope](#))
- Hydrogen 2.0: Strengthening the EU's role as a world leader. ([Michaela Holl and Oleksiy Tatarenko](#))
- Coal use reaches new peak - and remains at record levels for years to come. ([The Guardian](#), [IEA](#))
- Civil society groups urge the Commission to stop incentivising soy biofuels. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Carbon capture: The inside story of how a 'delaying tactic' became a darling of the EU. ([Euronews](#))
- Carbon market revenues could fund green fuels for shipping and aviation. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Commission must stop Energy Charter Treaty hijacking EU climate policy. ([Lukas Schaugg](#))
- The importance of attitudes when supporting different policies. ([IEA](#))
- No time to wait for fixing homes to relieve energy poverty and mitigate climate change. ([FoEE](#))
- Zero pollution: Council agrees position on reducing loss of plastic pellets, including in maritime transport. ([Council](#))
- Onwards to a workers-oriented Plastic Treaty in 2025. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Product life cycle - monitoring trends in Europe. ([EEA](#))
- This Peak Buying Season, It's Time to Rethink Fashion's Growth Obsession. ([META](#))
- The EU and the circular economy: naughty or nice? ([META](#))
- Public policies for circular economy: A systematic review. An [article](#).
- The circular transformation of industries: Unlocking economic value. ([WEF](#))
- Global light vehicle electric vehicle market monitor in key markets, 2024 H1. ([ICCT](#))
- Reducing emissions from non-road mobile machinery. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Unsafe for takeoff: False solutions will not help aviation sector navigate climate crisis. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- The make or break moment of green aviation. ([Jo Dardenne](#))
- Supersonic aircraft: Twice as nice, or double the trouble? ([ICCT](#))
- EU introduces Flight Emissions Label for better informed and more sustainable travel. ([Commission](#))
- A wave of change is coming. Why next year is crucial for greening the shipping industry. ([Faig Abbasov](#))
- I want a good automotive plan for Christmas. ([Julia Poliscanova](#))
- Research shows that climate adaptation investments should be an integral part of the trans-European transport network. ([Commission](#))
- Electrification of road transport with less mining: a global and regional overview of battery materials. ([ICCT](#))
- Charging ahead – EU seeks competitiveness jolt in global battery market. ([Euractiv](#))
- Pollution exposure linked to mental health hospital admissions, says study. ([The Guardian](#))
- Support EU data centres or 'turn off the digital lights', says industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- Will AI save the planet? Why the evidence is flawed. ([Jo Lindsay Walton](#))
- Getting serious about AI rules: Lack of enforcement capacity puts EU at risk. ([Axel Voss](#))
- AI will continue to grow in 2025. But it will face major challenges along the way. ([The Conversation](#))
- Industrial policy: Key to Europe's role in a changing world order. ([Karl Aiginger](#))
- The EU's research & innovation programme can power a cleantech revolution. ([Ciarán Humphreys](#))

- The vanishing act of Social Europe: Will it rise again? ([Dominic Afscharian](#))
- 'EU regulation must deliver results for all.' ([ETUC](#))
- EU budget is 'clearly not the place to look' to finance twin transition, say economists. ([Euractiv](#))
- An EU-funded investment facility for quality jobs and just transition. ([ETUC](#))
- Social and circular priorities in the new era of EU budget rules: Analysis of the 2023 and 2024 semester cycles. ([RREUSE](#))
- EU advisers call for revision of sustainable finance fund rules. ([Reuters](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Platform on Sustainable Finance](#))
- Greening the financial system: how are G20 countries doing? ([Green Central Banking](#))
- OECD report on aligning finance with climate goals. ([OECD](#))
- What should central banks do to combat climate change in 2025? ([Green Central Banking](#))
- French financial regulator wants banks and insurers to improve their reporting for the European taxonomy classification to promote environmental sustainability. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Green bond issuers prepare for Europe's pioneering new standard. ([IEEFA](#))
- The next step for the ECB in 2025. ([Positive Money](#))
- Debt sustainability analysis: Assessing its use in the EU's new fiscal rules. A [study](#).
- White Paper: Leveraging the Spectrum of Finance for Just Transitions. ([IHRB](#))
- Shareholder preferences and shareholder democracy. ([CEPS](#))
- World's largest asset managers reject resolutions on biodiversity despite growing investor interest. ([Global Witness](#))
- Financing for nature: how to improve financing for biodiversity protection. ([Bruegel](#))
- A fossil fuel elephant in the financial transition planning room. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- Why the economic consequences of climate change call for adaptive inflation targeting. ([David Barmes and Luiz Awazu Pereira da Silva](#))
- The state of play: Post-COP29 progress report of the global climate finance agenda. ([LSE](#))
- IPBES nexus report: five conclusions for biodiversity, food, water, health and climate. ([CarbonBrief](#), [IDS](#), [IIED](#))
- The EU Carbon Certification Removal Framework and its methodologies must be improved to deliver on their goals. ([Öko-Institut](#))
- A Union certification framework for carbon removal. A [briefing](#).
- Deforestation law: Parliament and Council give companies extra year to comply. ([EP](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Global Witness](#), [Gert van der Bijl](#), [Raad](#), [GEI](#))
- Ending world hunger - The European Union's role in transforming the world food system. ([Oxfam](#))
- Food origin labelling: Developments and issues. A [briefing](#).
- Macron cannot count on Meloni to kill EU trade deal with South America. ([Politico](#))
- Spanish farmers protest EU-Mercosur deal. ([Euractiv](#))
- 'Comparative advantage' is an outdated principle ([Peter A. Victor](#))
- Strengthening the Paris agreement through trade? The opportunities and limitations of EU preferential trade agreements for climate governance. An [article](#).
- EU-Latin America: More cooperation on critical raw materials. A [briefing](#).

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Activities

- 2025-01-14 | Webinar | [What Next for Mobilising Finance for Just Transitions?](#)

- 2025-01-23 | [Navigating the AI revolution](#)
- 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”](#)
- 2025-01-28 | Hybrid | [Public funding for permanent carbon removal in the EU](#)
- 2025-01-28 | Hybrid | [Financing the EU energy transition and European competitiveness - Can the two co-exist?](#)
- 2025-01-31 | Webinar | [Impact assessments for future-fit policymaking in the EU](#)
- 2025-02-03 | [Social justice in the digital era](#)
- 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](#)
- 2025-03-13 | Online | [EIOPA Sustainable Finance Conference 2025: Driving Resilience and Action in a Warming World](#)

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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](#)
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