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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

- State of the climate: 2024 sets new record as first year above 1.5°C. ([CarbonBrief](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Copernicus](#))
- Media reaction: The 2025 Los Angeles wildfires and the role of climate change. ([CarbonBrief](#), [Euronews](#), [Mark Hertsgaard and Kyle Pope](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Wildfires drive record leap in global level of climate-heating CO₂. ([The Guardian](#))
- LA fires: Thousands of people's insurance was cancelled in the months before the disaster - what's the link to climate? ([Euronews](#))
- The LA fires are expected to be the costliest blaze in US history with an estimated loss of more than \$200 billion. ([The Guardian](#))
- What do the Los Angeles fires tell us about the coming water wars? ([Judith Levine](#))
- 'Climate whiplash' events are increasing exponentially around the world ([The Guardian](#), [Doug Specht](#))
- To reform climate conferences (COPs), we need to start with voting rules. ([Joanna Depledge](#))
- What Trump's second term means for climate action in the US and beyond. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Analysis: The climate papers most featured in the media in 2024. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- EU climate chief pledges to simplify CO₂ import tax. ([Euractiv](#))
- Trends in climate and geopolitics for 2025. ([E3G](#))
- The new Global Risks Report 2025. ([WEF](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Towards a European Green Deal in line with fundamental rights. ([FRA](#))

- Belgian energy minister calls for connection, not cuts to Europe's power grid. ([Euractiv](#))
- Clean technology in the energy sector. A [briefing](#).
- European competitiveness at risk without wind power. ([WEF](#))
- Circularity in the built environment: Harnessing opportunities in retrofits. A report. ([WEF](#))
- Circular industrialised housing: Insights from Solar Decathlon Europe 2022. An [article](#).
- Ecodesign: The EU's journey towards sustainable products starts now. ([ECOS](#))
- Aviation industry growth plans 'incompatible' with European climate targets. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Leading the way towards sustainable European aviation. ([Commission, report](#))
- Vision 2050: Update on global transition to zero-emission vehicles by 2024. ([ICCT](#))
- Support for global tax on shipping emissions to fund climate action grows. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Improving working conditions for platform workers. A [briefing](#).
- Urban residents in the EU still suffer from air and noise pollution. ([ECA](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Intense lobbying over EU plans to limit PFAS. ([CEO](#), [Euractiv](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- Scaling up AI sustainably: 4 urgent priorities. ([WEF](#))
- Commission proposal on competitiveness postponed to 29 January. ([Politico](#))
- EU competitiveness compass must ensure social and environmental protection. ([CAN Europe](#), [EEB](#), [CEO](#), [Slow Food](#))
- Green growth or green defeat? Europe's Clean Industrial Deal in the balance. ([Paweł Świeboda](#))
- Europe's challenge in a new era of shifts and shocks. ([Brigid Laffan](#))
- Europe's education gamble: Can the EU compete in a changing world? ([Jo Ritzen and Job Zomerplaag](#))
- EU, China hold anniversary summit despite tensions. ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU's Trump-China dilemma. ([Euractiv](#))
- How to break Europe's innovation stagnation. ([Luc Soete](#))
- Benefit of an EU strategic innovation agenda - Cost of non-Europe. A [study](#).
- New study details the net zero manufacturing industry in the EU. ([Commission](#))
- Economic recovery losing steam, says new ILO report. ([ILO](#))
- Debate over including lobbying in ESG reporting heats up. ([Euractiv](#))
- New EBA guidelines: A milestone for ESG risk management. ([WWF](#), [EBA](#))
- So how can the CMU come about? An analysis of the recommendations for a capital markets union in the Draghi, Letta and Noyer reports. A [study](#).
- Climate change is showing its claws: The world is getting hotter, leading to severe hurricanes, thunderstorms and floods. ([Munich RE](#))
- European public goods: now is the time for action. ([Bruegel](#))
- Economic growth could fall by 50% in 20 years due to climate shocks, say actuaries. ([The Guardian](#))
- Net zero: BlackRock steps out of investor alliance. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- New report maps nature-related regulations for banks and shows increase in initiatives in key regions. ([UNEPFI](#))
- The green transition cannot wait for the US. ([Stuart Mackintosh](#))
- Decolonial climate finance in practice: assessment of proposed reforms. ([SEI](#))
- Era of the panzoot: scientists warn of more devastating diseases jumping between species. ([The Guardian](#))

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Activities

- 2025-01-22 | Online | [KlimaSeniorinnen v Switzerland: what happens next? Exploring the pathways to implementation and compliance](#)
- 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?](#)
- 2025-01-28 | Webinar | [An eco-social contract for the 21st century](#)
- 2025-01-30 | [Industrial electrification - Ready to power Europe's green industrial future?](#)
- 2025-01-31 | Webinar | [Impact assessments for future-fit policymaking in the EU](#)
- 2025-02-03 | [Social justice in the digital era](#)
- 2025-02-03 | [Finding the drivers for a more equal and skilled Europe](#)
- 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](#)
- 2025-02-20 – 2025-02-21 | [Future of work: reclaiming the value of work in the digital economy](#)
- 2025-03-13 | Online | [EIOPA Sustainable Finance Conference 2025: Driving Resilience and Action in a Warming World](#)
- 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](#)
- 2025-06-25 – 2025-06-26 | [The European Sustainable Industry Summit 2024. Shaping the Next Era of Corporate Sustainability Practices](#)

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Commission documents

- 2025-01-29 | [Competitiveness Compass](#)
- 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](#) | [Action Plan on Affordable energy](#) | [Roadmap towards ending Russian energy imports](#)
- 2025-03-05 | [Union of Skills](#) | [Roadmap for Women's Rights](#)
- 2025-04-01 | [Communication on a Savings and Investments Union](#)



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