



## 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

- 10 New insights into climate science 2024/2025. A [report](#).
- Met Office: Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> rise now exceeds IPCC 1.5°C paths. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Multi-year droughts have become more frequent, drier and hotter over the past 40 years. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- A third of the Arctic's huge carbon sink is now a source of emissions, research shows. ([The Guardian](#))
- Seven charts to explore the C3S Global Climate Highlights 2024 report. ([Copernicus](#))
- Trump signs order to withdraw US from Paris climate deal for second time. ([The Guardian](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Paul Hockenos](#), [The Guardian](#), [CEW](#), [Global Witness](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- World addiction to fossil fuels is 'Frankenstein's monster', says UN chief. ([The Guardian](#))
- Oil and gas companies have given more than \$75 million to Trump's campaign and will benefit from his 'drill, baby drill' plan. ([The Guardian](#))
- How 'super polluters' are harming human health and exacerbating climate change. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- EU rules that threaten to derail a gas deal with Trump. ([Politico](#))
- The international dimension of European climate policy. ([SWP](#))
- Key milestone for EU energy revolution: solar power overtakes coal for first time. ([Euronews](#), [Ember](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [CarbonBrief](#))

- European wind developers show brave face after Trump's ban on offshore wind. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU supergrid at heart of von der Leyen's plan for cheap energy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Dealing with decarbonisation: An inventory of strategies from resistance to transformation. An [article](#).
- Carbon pricing for transport and buildings: a game-changer for emissions? ([META](#))
- Commission registers European citizens' initiative on reuse and transformation of buildings. ([Commission](#))
- Towards the necessary decarbonisation of historic buildings: An overview. An [article](#).
- Indian start-ups mine e-waste for battery minerals but growing industry has a dark side. ([Climate Home News](#))
- Open call for new Commission to make revision of EU Extractive Waste Directive a priority. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The current state of Right to Repair in the EU: a snapshot. ([Right to Repair](#))
- Three rules for the circular economy that businesses cannot ignore in 2025. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Unpacking the EU's packaging rules: The good, the bad and single-use. ([ECOS](#))
- Promoting circularity: we must ensure that vehicles remain repairable by design. ([Right to Repair](#))
- How companies are creating a more sustainable future for urban deliveries. ([WEF](#))
- Private jet flights rise 170 per cent as politicians and business leaders flock to Davos 2025. ([Euronews](#))
- EU plans ban on PFAS in consumer products. ([Reuters](#))
- Combating PFAS: 'The European Union has a unique opportunity to do something'. ([CEO](#))
- How dementia may be linked to air pollution in early life. ([The Guardian](#))
- France spearheads member state campaign to dilute European AI regulation. ([Investigate Europe](#))
- 16-year delay EU to tackle misleading claims makes consumers gloomy. ([BEUC](#))
- Bridging the gaps in the Green Claims Directive. ([ECOS](#))
- Who is liable for environmental damage? An EU legal analysis. ([EEB](#))
- Blue hydrogen: False hopes for decarbonising steel. ([IEEFA](#))
- EU's Clean Industrial Deal covers 6 themes, from energy prices to trade. ([Politico](#))
- Trump threatens a global trade war. Europe must unleash a radical alternative. ([Gabriel Zucman](#))
- EPP leaders want to freeze CO<sub>2</sub> duty, abolish renewable targets. ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#))
- Industrial decarbonisation in a fragmented world: an effective carbon price with a 'climate contribution'. ([LSE](#))
- Transition European steel technology risks slowing, but carbon capture is not the answer. ([IEEFA](#))
- Transition-specific alignment targets: redefining corporate climate goals to make real progress. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- Wealth of billionaires worldwide grows by \$2 trillion by 2024, report shows. ([The Guardian](#), [David Korten](#))
- Delivering on the European Green Deal: A Private Sector Perspective. ([WEF](#))
- Yellow Vest and the Green Deal. ([GEF](#))
- Can the International Court of Justice rise to the challenge of climate change? ([IDDRI](#))
- Francophone companies split on sustainability reporting rule changes. ([Euractiv](#))
- France urges Brussels to postpone EU green rules for companies indefinitely. ([Politico](#))
- Decoding voluntary sustainability standards. ([ECOS](#))
- Trends and challenges in sustainability-related shareholder resolutions. ([PRI](#))
- Warning words in a warming world: central bank communication and climate change. ([LSE](#))

- Experts say warmest year record requires faster action from central banks. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Global central banks pledge to continue fighting climate change together, even without the Fed. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- EU Parliament's Economic Committee approves ECB report - What's in it and what's next ([Positive Money](#))
- ECB paper: streamlining climate information without backtracking on transparency. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- FSB prioritises forward-looking analysis in latest climate risk toolkit. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Platform on Sustainable Finance report on Building trust in transition: key elements for assessing corporate transition plans. ([Commission](#))
- Global financial sector drops key green pledges as Trump takes office. ([The Guardian](#))
- Exodus of US banks from NZBA raises questions on voluntary climate commitments. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Wall Street's faltering on climate action opens up opportunities for European banks. ([Lucie Pinson](#))
- BlackRock has never really had sustainable ambitions, but more and more citizens do. ([Joeri de Wilde](#))
- Tax fairness in a fire-prone world. ([Sandrine Dixson-Declève and Johannah Bernstein](#))
- Drill, Baby, Drill: why oil and gas majors should be no exception in exclusion policies. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- A victory for the bees? New ECJ ruling sheds light on secret EU deliberations on pesticides. ([CEO](#))
- New research shows global food production has led to significant biodiversity loss. ([The Conversation](#))
- A comprehensive framework for assessing circular economy strategies in agri-food supply chains. An [article](#).
- The EU Agri-Food Roadmap 2025 - What to expect, why it matters. ([Arc2020](#))
- Q&A: What's on the menu in the EU's vision for agriculture and food. ([CEW](#))
- High fertiliser use halves numbers of pollinators, world's longest study finds. ([The Guardian](#))
- Agriculture commissioner calls for tougher action on pesticide residues in imported food. ([Euractiv](#))
- The time for delay is over: EU must phase out pesticides and build sustainable food systems. ([PAN](#))
- The next CAP reform: the variables in the equation. A [study](#).
- Joint Call for EU Action Plan for Plant-Based Foods. ([EEB](#))

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### Activities

- 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](#)
- 2025-01-28 | [AI and democracy: foes or friends?](#)
- 2025-01-29 | Webinar | [POLIS – ALICE – C40 webinar: Let's talk about parcel lockers— Location, size, and operation](#)
- 2025-01-29 | Online | [Launch of the Europe Sustainable Development Report 2025](#)

- 2025-01-29 | Online | [NAT Section debate on the Agenda 2030 on sustainable development](#)
- 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](#)
- 2025-01-31 | Online | [Briefing: Net Zero Good Practice - what defines a credible net zero strategy?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2025-02-10 | Webinar | [From Risk to Resilience: Trade unions, HREDD and a Just Transition](#)
- 2025-02-18 | Online | [From the Green Deal to the Clean Industrial Deal](#)
- 2025-02-20 – 2025-02-21 | [Future of work: reclaiming the value of work in the digital economy](#)
- 2025-03-03 | Online | [EU Forest Strategy 2030 - Progress and challenges near the halfway mark](#)
- 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](#)
- 2025-05-13 – 2025-05-15 | [Raw Materials Summit 2025](#)
- 2025-06-03 – 2025-06-05 | [EU Green Week](#)
- 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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