



## 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

- What are the implications of the US' changed position in international climate policy? ([Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#))
- Dangerous temperatures could kill 50% more Europeans by 2100, according to research. ([The Guardian](#), [Nature](#), [Euronews](#))
- 'A perfect storm': How climate change made LA forest fires more likely - and deadly. ([Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Implementing the EU 2040 climate target: building blocks and measures. ([EcoLogic](#))
- Strengthening foreign climate policy at the European level. ([DGAP](#))
- The oil crisis fuelled by Russia's war is evaporating - and so are the profits. ([Jillian Ambrose](#))
- Another bad year - and decade - for fossil fuel stocks. ([IEEFA](#))
- U-turn on EU's Emissions Trading System for road transport and buildings carries huge environmental, social and economic price tag. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Why separate carbon removal from other climate targets? ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- The co-impacts of climate action in cities. ([SEI](#))
- Building renovation passport: A new method for planning and addressing financial challenges for low-income households. An [article](#).
- Brussels kicks off 'too late' meetings to boost flagging heat pump industry. ([Euractiv](#))
- Energy for the EU's future: Strengthening the battery industry. A [briefing](#).
- We must challenge rising demand for transition minerals, says UN rapporteur. ([Climate Home News](#))

- Measures to minimise residual waste: Proposals for a Circular Economy Act. ([Zero Waste Europe](#))
- Are we saving the environment by buying second-hand clothes? The environmental impact of second-hand textile fashion and the influence of consumer choices. An [article](#).
- Ecodesign for Textiles: let's not forget about Footwear. ([RREUSE](#))
- Zooming out: The development of the circular economy in the European Union and implications for the economy and society. An [article](#).
- Exploring the limitations of a circular economy under capitalism and raising expectations for a sustainable future. An [article](#).
- Adoption of innovations in the circular economy: The role of artificial intelligence. An [article](#).
- Towards emission-free mobility in Europe. ([EuroCities](#))
- Decarbonising EU transport needs new innovation and incentives, says World Bank. ([Euractiv](#))
- What auto crisis? Car manufacturers still making billions, says NGO boss. ([Euractiv](#))
- What's behind the crisis in Europe's car industry? ([Euractiv](#))
- President von der Leyen launches strategic dialogue on the future of the car industry and announces action plan. ([Commission](#))
- How Trump's tariffs could rock auto markets in Europe, the US and China. ([The Guardian](#))
- Can EU tariffs on Chinese EVs save the auto industry? ([ETUI](#))
- Making Europe water and climate resilient. ([EEB](#))
- Research shows microplastics in placentas linked to premature births. ([The Guardian](#))
- Now is the time for anti-greenwashing rules. ([Euractiv](#), [EEB](#))
- European hopes for AI revived after DeepSeek success. ([Politico](#), [Euronews](#))
- What international AI security report says about jobs, climate, cyberwar and more. ([The Guardian](#))
- AI is bad for the environment and the problem is bigger than just energy consumption. ([The Conversation](#))
- The Commission published the 'competitiveness compass' as part of the EU's revamped industrial policy. Before the publication of the compass: [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [BEUC](#). After the publication of the compass: [Commission](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Reuters](#), [Euronews](#), [WWF](#), [ECFR](#), [DIGITALEUROPE](#), [SolarPower Europe](#), [ETUC](#), [SMEunited](#), [Cefic](#), [DW](#), [EEB](#), [Wind Europe](#), [Euractiv](#), [Solidar](#), [IndustriAll](#), [Insurance Europe](#).
- Can the EU's Clean Industrial Deal deliver something for the planet? ([CIEL](#))
- Forging the new EU agenda. ([FEPS](#))
- The EU must stay on course and be much more assertive, both at home and abroad. ([CEPS](#))
- 2025 - tough times for the 'investment' Commission. ([I4CE](#))
- Achieving net zero might fail - and it's not because renewables are too expensive. ([Jayati Ghosh](#))
- EU industry could cut quarter of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through heat pumps. ([EHPA](#))
- Commission calls for feedback on secondary legislation related to the Net-Zero Industry Act. ([Commission](#))
- How should the EU deal with the new US trade policy? ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Dani Rodrik](#))
- A new trade order for the 21st century? Insights from the textile industry. ([Hedda Roberts](#))
- Addressing conflicts around the EU's Green Deal. ([QCEA](#))
- An EU promoting a fair and just transition. ([EAJT](#))
- French far right asks EPP to end Green Deal together. EPP says it will not go along with that. ([Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#))
- CSDDD: France calls for indefinite postponement at the expense of social and environmental justice. ([Reclaim Finance](#))

- The ominous omnibus: What new EU legislation could mean for sustainability reporting. ([Forbes](#))
- Auditors get stricter guidelines for assessing companies' environmental claims. ([Reuters](#))
- Sustainable fund inflows halve as ESG falls out of favour. ([Reuters](#))
- Trump pause on clean funding is 'window of opportunity' for Europe, Poland says. ([Reuters](#))
- Open letter to ECB Governing Council calling for greener monetary policy. ([Reclaim Finance](#), [WWF](#), [Positive Money](#))
- Bank transition plans must be compatible with other EU climate rules, says EBA. ([Green Central Banking](#), [EBA](#))
- Barriers to sustainable finance: How to enable transition in G20 economies. ([Commission](#))
- Inventory of policy developments on sustainable finance. ([PRI](#))
- A European climate bond. ([Irene Monasterolo](#), [Antonia Pacelli](#), [Marco Pagano](#), [Carmine Russo](#))
- What is 'green budgeting'? ([Gaurav Upadhyay](#))
- Climate change could cut the economy in half. We are not ready for it. ([TNR](#), [IFoA](#))
- Global biodiversity targets: Researchers call for systematic conservation planning. ([Phys](#), [article](#))
- Examining interactions between causes of nature loss, vulnerabilities and economic impacts. ([LSE](#))
- How Europe can become pesticide-free. ([Slow Food](#))
- Sustainable Development Goals great on paper, not in the real world ([Euractiv](#), [SDSN](#))
- Farm to fork: policies for sustainable and healthy EU diets. ([IEEP](#))
- Assessing the distributive justice of adaptation finance: a framework. An [article](#).

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### Activities

- 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](#)
- 2025-02-05 | Hybrid | [Pete Betts Memorial Lecture | The future came early: Implementing the Paris Agreement in an era of economic nationalism, energy transition and rampant climate impacts](#)
- 2025-02-06 | Webinar | [Environmental Law Lecture #20: Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control: A Critical Legal Perspective on All-inclusive Integration](#)
- 2025-02-06 | Webinar | [Delivering the EPBD: National Building Renovation Plans](#)
- 2025-02-06 | Online | [The Monetary and Fiscal Policy Mix in a Changing World](#)
- 2025-02-10 | Webinar | [From Risk to Resilience: Trade unions, HREDD and a Just Transition](#)
- 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](#)
- 2025-02-18 | Online | [From the Green Deal to the Clean Industrial Deal](#)
- 2025-02-18 | [RE:DESIGN Making the circular economy happen](#)
- 2025-02-20 | [Forum Voedsel in een veranderende wereld](#) - [Forum L'alimentation dans un monde en transition](#)
- 2025-02-20 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #21: The EU's path to climate neutrality and the role of carbon removals](#)
- 2025-02-20 | Online | [Strengthening a Just Transition for a Sustainable Future](#)

- 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](#)
- 2025-03-03 | Online | [Bridging the gap between climate policy and social justice](#)
- 2025-03-13 | Online | [EIOPA Sustainable Finance Conference 2025: Driving Resilience and Action in a Warming World](#)
- 2025-03-13 | Online | [EIOPA Sustainable Finance Conference 2025: Driving Resilience and Action in a Warming World](#)
- 2025-06-20 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #23: Environmental Liability](#)
- 2025-04-17 | Hybrid | [Environmental Law Lecture #24: Designing the future of European Water Law](#)
- 2025-05-13 – 2025-05-15 | [Raw Materials Summit 2025](#)
- 2025-05-22 | [The Brussels Economic Forum](#)
- 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

- 2025-02-05 | [Communication on tackling challenges with e-commerce platforms](#)
- 2025-02-11 | [2025 Commission work programme](#) | [The Road to the next Multiannual Financial Framework](#)
- 2025-02-19 | [A Vision for Agriculture and Food](#)
- 2025-02-26 | [Clean Industrial Deal](#) | [Omnibus package: Chapeau communication and omnibus proposal](#) | [Action Plan on Affordable energy](#)
- 2025-03-05 | [Union of Skills](#) | [Roadmap for Women's Rights](#)
- 2025-03-19 | [Communication on a Savings and Investments Union](#)
- 2025-03-26 | [Roadmap towards ending Russian energy imports](#)



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