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General

- The Political Guidelines 2024-2029.
- The Commission has published the work programme for 2025.

Current affairs

- EU delays release of 2040 climate target until 'before summer'. (Politico, Politico)
- Arctic sea ice winter peak in 2025 is smallest in 47-year record. (CarbonBrief)
- Global warming is exposing new coastlines and islands as Arctic glaciers shrink. (CarbonBrief, Euronews)
- The average person becomes 40% poorer as the world warms 4°C, new research shows. (The Guardian)
- EU aims 'simplification' sledgehammer at green energy laws. (Politico)
- Improving climate and energy policy coordination through the next EU budget. (E3G)
- Energetic efforts needed to upgrade EU's electricity grid. (ECA)
- Promising new technologies face market uncertainty at crucial time for global energy innovation. (IEA)
- We need green investment for Europe's security. (E3G)
- Fossil fuel dependence leaves EU wide open to extortion. (Greenpeace)
- No just energy transition without gender justice. (SEI)
- Net zero buildings could become the norm: New report shows how to take action. (WBCSD)
- Making the most of the EU's new social climate fund. (Bruegel)
- Designing housing for circular economy and sustainability. An article.
- Clothing rental companies are a sustainable answer to fast fashion, so why do they rarely work? (Euronews)
- Circular economy: how developing countries can thrive with fewer new products. (WEF)
- What's next for ecodesign? (ECOS)
- EU delays carmaker 2025 CO_2 targets just as EV sales rebound. (Transport & Environment, Commission)
- EU must stand up to Trump on cars. (William Todts)
- Corporate travel reduced by a third on 2019 levels. (Transport & Environment)
- EU must protect flagship climate policy. (Carbon Market Watch)
- Small islands fear EU betrayal over shipping emissions levy. (Climate Home News)
- Vision 2050: Fuel standards to bring international shipping in line with Paris Agreement. (ICCT)

- Greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution from global shipping, 2016-2023. (ICCT)
- How the shipping industry can save on energy costs. (IEA)
- Historic agreement to put shipping on course to net-zero is in sight. (Climate Home News)
- German environment chief: Completely eliminating PFAS 'not possible'. (Euractiv)
- Implementing the Clean Industrial Deal and strengthening Europe's economic resilience. An article.
- How should the EU respond to US trade policy? (Politico, HBS, Politico, Politico, The Guardian, The Guardian, Politico, Euractiv, The Guardian, Politico, Politico, Politico, Politico, Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv, The Guardian, The Guardian, Commission, Politico, Euractiv, Euractiv, Euractiv)
- EU recovery money: a missed opportunity for the digital transition. (ECA)
- Social policy in the European Union: state of play 2024. (ETUI)
- A proposal for a new citizen participation methodology for evidence-based policy-making in the EU. (ZOE Institut)
- Fossil fuel countries see value of their economies shrinked by new UN-approved measure. (Climate Home News)
- Sustainability and due diligence: MEPs agree to delay application of new rules. (EP, IEEFA, EP, Global Witness, Reuters, ESG Today)
- EU secretly shields banks from accountability - here's how. (Magdalena Senn)
- Climate risk and insurance: a small step forward, but is it enough? (Finance Watch)
- ISSB tool launched to help regulators implement sustainability standards. (Green Central Banking)
- Climate and natural risk: a little less talk, a little more action. (Green Central Banking)
- US banks predict climate targets will fail - but air-conditioning companies will prosper. (The Guardian)
- Climate crisis on track to destroy capitalism, warns top insurer. (The Guardian)
- A warming of more than 3°C this century could wipe out 40% of the global economy, a new analysis shows. (Green Central Banking)
- Global soil moisture in ‘permanent’ decline due to climate change. (CarbonBrief)
- "Is it ‘woke’ to care about the environment?": how Trump's budget cuts are dismantling global conservation work. (The Guardian)
- EU waste prevention checkup: more effective measures needed to tackle food waste. (EEA)
- From Finland to the UK, European countries are cutting aid. What does this mean for climate funds? (Euronews)
- Funding for renewable energy in sub-Saharan Africa exceeds expectations. (Daniel Duma en Miquel Muñoz Cabré, SEI)
- The Amazon forest is emerging as the new global frontline for oil. (Climate Home News)
- Loss and damage fund proposes helping governments first, local communities later. (Climate Home News)

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Activities

- 2025-04-08 | Hybrid | 2025 Cleantech Conference
- 2025-04-08 | Electricity availability in the EU – Addressing challenges
- 2025-04-09 | Green Trade Day 2025: Anchoring trade policy in a just ecological transition
- 2025-04-09 | Online | Conference on globalisation and geo-economic fragmentation

- 2025-04-29 – 2025-04-30 | A Citizen-led Transition: How Energy Communities Empower Citizens
- 2025-05-19 | De bus komt zo, of toch niet? – Le bus arrive ! Ou pas ?
- 2025-05-19 | Making the world water-resilient – What are the right steps?
- 2025-05-19 | Online | The omnibus package – What implications for the EU's sustainability credentials and European manufacturers?
- 2025-05-21 – 2025-05-22 | Circular Wallonia Days. Extending & Improving the Mineral Resources Lifespans : Opportunities, Challenges & Perspectives.
- 2025-04-17 | Hybrid | Environmental Law Lecture #24: Designing the future of European Water Law
- 2025-04-28 | Nature Finance Forum Europe 2025
- 2025-05-08 | Electrification under the Clean Industrial Deal – what does this mean for jobs?
- 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
- 2025-06-10 2025-06-12 | Hybrid | European Sustainable Energy Week
- 2025-06-25 – 2025-06-26 | The European Sustainable Industry Summit 2024. Shaping the Next Era of Corporate Sustainability Practices
- 2025-06-30 – 2025-07-03 | Hybrid | Global Tipping Points Conference
- 2025-07-10 – 2025-07-11 | Hybrid | 7th JRC Summer School on Sustainable Finance
- 2025-10-14 – 2025-10-16 | Energy Storage Global Conference

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Commission documents

- 2025-04-09 | AI Continent Action Plan
- 2025-05-06 | International digital strategy – Strengthening the EU'S leadership in global digital affairs
- 2025-05-14 | Third Omnibus on agriculture
- 2025-05-21 | Fourth Omnibus on small mid-caps
- 2025-06-04 | 2026 Draft budget | Water Resilience Package | Ocean Pact | European Semester spring package
- 2025-06-17 | Fifth Omnibus on defence
- 2025-06-25 | New State Aid Framework

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