



## General

- The [Political Guidelines 2024-2029](#).
- The Commission has published the [work programme for 2025](#).

## Current affairs

- Global temperatures likely to exceed 1.5°C over next five years, warns WMO. ([WMO](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- Nearly 40% of the world's glaciers already doomed by climate crisis - research. ([The Guardian](#))
- EU closing in on the 2030 climate and energy targets, according to national plans. ([Commission](#), [Politico](#), [Euronews](#), [ETUC](#), [CAN Europe](#), [IndustriAll](#))
- Commission proposes 'pragmatic' 90 per cent climate target for 2040. ([Politico](#))
- Top companies urge EU to stick to 90 per cent climate target. ([CLG](#), [euobserver](#))
- Europe's prosperity and security depend on climate action. ([Connie Hedegaard et al.](#))
- The EU's climate action strategy. A [briefing](#).
- France looks to China-EU leadership in climate with Washington out of the picture. ([Euractiv](#))
- World faces new danger of 'economic denial' in climate fight, says COP30 chief. ([The Guardian](#))
- Advancing a just transition through nationally determined contributions (NDCs).([ILO](#))
- Ensuring a just transition to net-zero emissions. ([OECD](#))
- Social impacts of energy transition in the EU: distributional effects of European energy policy. ([IEEP](#))
- Power outage on Iberian Peninsula highlights need for European grid investment. ([IEEFA](#))
- Can CCS meet Europe's climate targets? Three projects beset with problems suggest not. ([Euronews](#))
- Carbon capture and storage (CCS): European climate policy's frivolous gamble. ([Resilience](#))
- Simplifying EU's carbon border adjustment mechanism: Council agrees negotiating position. ([Council](#), [Reuters](#))
- The EU CBAM's reform and remaining implementation challenges for low- and middle-income countries. ([IEEP](#))
- European fertiliser plants use US ammonia made with shale gas, investigation reveals. ([The Guardian](#))
- Towards decarbonisation in the built environment: a comparative analysis of conventional vs industrialised facades in near-zero energy building renovations. An [article](#).

- Housing vs. Habitats: is it one or the other? ([META](#))
- An attempt to assess the implementation of the circular economy in the EU-27 as a key element of sustainable development. An [article](#).
- Circular Economy Act: what are the European Commission's tools to get the economics right? ([Euronews](#))
- Circular Transition Indicators (CTI) Social Impact guide. ([WBCSD](#))
- Redefining used textiles and textile waste. ([EEB](#))
- 'Social leasing' could bring affordable EVs to 3 million households in Europe. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Does the world need a global treaty on minerals for energy transition? ([Climate Home News](#))
- Cobalt- and nickel-free batteries for electric cars boom in 'good news' for rainforests. ([Climate Home News](#))
- The fall of the fossil fuel car: Europe's transport vulnerability risk. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in cars: Council gives final approval to additional flexibility for carmakers. ([Council](#))
- 124,000 premature deaths in EU and UK so far linked to illegally high Dieselgate emissions, new report reveals. ([ClientEarth](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Black carbon and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from EU-regulated shipping in the Arctic. ([ICCT](#), [Euronews](#))
- Toxic pesticides found in tampons 40 times higher than legal limit for water. ([The Guardian](#))
- Europe is flushing its water down the drain. ([Politico](#))
- Commission stands ground as medicine, cosmetics firms refuse water clean-up costs. ([Euractiv](#))
- New research finds that microplastics are increasingly present in human brains. ([Resilience](#))
- Council calls for an inclusive, ethical, sustainable and people-centred strategy for the application of AI in science. ([Council](#))
- Net-Zero Industry Act to further accelerate the production of low-carbon technologies in the EU. ([Commissie](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- How should the EU respond to US trade policy? [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Ferenc Németh en Peter Kreko](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [The Guardian](#), [Reuters](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#).
- German court dismisses climate lawsuit against RWE, but says big polluters can be held liable. ([Climate Home News](#), [GermanWatch](#), [ClientEarth](#), [CIEL](#), [The Guardian](#), [Germanwatch](#), [UCS](#), [DW](#), [LSE](#), [Euronews](#), [CEW](#))
- Whose corporate governance? Reimagining accountability, moving beyond shareholder primacy. ([Apostolos Thomadakis](#))
- Banking on circularity: can financial institutions become the engines of a regenerative economy? An [article](#).
- Scrutiny over "Omnibus" proposal grows as EU Ombudsman opens inquiry after NGOs' complaint. ([ClientEarth](#))
- How can financial intermediation better contribute to the climate transition? ([i4ce](#))
- The rise of green accounting: Key trends and essential tools for sustainable finance. ([Accounting For Everyone](#))
- "No harmless rebranding" – Investment funds drop sustainability claims following new EU guidelines on names. ([CEW](#), [Finanzwende](#))
- How China's green promises are shaping financial regulation. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Green mission & money: How foundations can position endowments for climate impact. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- ECB says water scarcity threatens 15% of eurozone output. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- EU should expand agricultural insurance as climate risk increases, according to research. ([Green Central Banking](#))

- Eleven countries demand EU weakens deforestation law further, document shows. ([Reuters](#), [WWF](#))
- Aligning forest certification with Close-to-Nature Forestry: potential policy options. ([IEEP](#))
- How marine life provides climate benefits worth billions of dollars. ([Damien Couespel et al.](#))
- EU and six member states take 'historic step' by ratifying UN convention to protect the high seas. ([Euronews](#), [EEAS](#))
- What do we (not) know about biodiversity finance governance? An [article](#).
- Global wheat yields would be '10%' higher without climate change. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- Time for farmers and nature to thrive - position paper. ([WWF](#), [EEB](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Maintaining ambition and policy coherence in EU agri-environmental frameworks. ([IUCN](#))
- The future of food lies in our past: Understanding neglected and underutilised species. ([IFAD](#))
- EU-Mercosur deal would give world's largest meat company more than €1bn profit. ([Greenpeace](#))
- Net zero & land rights. ([EEB](#))
- Women are not 14 times more likely to die in disasters - inequality is the real killer. ([Climate Home News](#))

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## Activities

- 2025-06-02 | [Quality jobs for sustainable competitiveness](#)
- 2025-06-03 | [Agrifood Policy Conference. Navigating the future of agriculture and food](#)
- 2025-06-03 | [Ensuring the Success of ETS-2: The Role of Direct Payments](#)
- 2025-06-03 | [Energy prices for all: Climate and energy planning as a key driver of transition's affordability](#)
- 2025-06-03 – 2025-06-05 | [EU Green Week](#)
- 2025-06-04 | [Tech Policy Conference. How can Europe compete in the global digital landscape?](#)
- 2025-06-04 | [Energy security or green revolution: Can the EU have both?](#)
- 2025-06-05 | [Duurzaam grondstoffengebruik voor een toekomstbestendige Belgische industrie – L'utilisation durable des matières premières pour préparer l'industrie belge à l'avenir](#)
- 2025-06-05 | [Global perspectives on labour, climate policy and just transition](#)
- 2025-06-05 – 2025-06-06 | [Brussels Economic Security Forum](#)
- 2025-06-06 | [Competitiviteit en duurzaamheid van bedrijven: is het "Omnibus 1"-voorstel de juiste weg voorwaarts? – La compétitivité et la durabilité des entreprises: la proposition « Omnibus 1 » est-elle la bonne voie ?](#)
- 2025-06-06 | Online | [The challenge of ensuring fit-for-purpose electricity grids in the EU](#)
- 2025-06-10 | Hybrid | [Shaping global green leadership: Addressing the external spillovers of the Green Deal](#)
- 2025-06-10 – 2025-06-12 | Hybrid | [European Sustainable Energy Week](#)
- 2025-06-11 | [Delivering affordable energy in Europe](#)
- 2025-06-12 | [Labour environmentalism and just transition](#)
- 2025-06-19 | Hybrid | [Rethinking EU Climate and Sustainability Governance in an Age of Disruption](#)
- 2025-06-24 | Hybrid | [Harnessing AI: safeguarding high-integrity data for climate action](#)
- 2025-06-24 | Hybrid | [Financing climate adaptation - role of the private sector](#)

- 2025-06-25 – 2025-06-26 | [The European Sustainable Industry Summit 2024. Shaping the Next Era of Corporate Sustainability Practices](#)
- 2025-06-26 | Hybrid | [Building a sustainable and competitive battery raw materials industry in Europe – How can it be achieved?](#)
- 2025-06-26 | Hybrid | [Global trends in climate litigation 2025: report launch](#)
- 2025-06-26 | Hybrid | [Europe’s Bioeconomy Strategy – What are the key opportunities and challenges?](#)
- 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](#)
- 2025-07-10 – 2025-07-11 | Online | [CONCLIMA conference](#)
- 2025-10-14 – 2025-10-16 | [Energy Storage Global Conference](#)

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### Commission documents

- 2025-06-04 | [2026 Draft budget](#) | [Water Resilience Package](#) | [Ocean Pact](#) | [European Semester spring package](#) | [International digital strategy – Strengthening the EU’S leadership in global digital affairs](#)
- 2025-06-17 | [2024 Annual management and performance report for the EU budget](#) | [Fifth Omnibus on defence](#)
- 2025-06-25 | [New State Aid Framework](#)
- 2025-07-02 | [Quantum Strategy of EU](#) | [Life Science Strategy](#) | [Action plan for the EU chemicals industry](#) | [A European high speed rail network master plan](#)
- 2025-07-16 | [Post-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework package](#)
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