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General

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

Current affairs

- Four billion people suffered an extra month of extreme heat last year due to climate change, experts say. (Euronews, WWA)
- More than 40 percent of Europe is currently experiencing some form of drought, according to the latest official update. (Euronews, EDO)
- The new 2040 climate target is expected by early July. The commissioner responsible appears to be pushing for a weaker target and has lobbied Germany to support such a weakened 2040 target. (Politico)
- EU scientific advisers criticise Brussels' weakened climate plans for 2040. (Politico, ESABCC, Politico, Euronews, WWF, EUobserver, European Law Blog)
- Blueprint or bust: Europe's climate targets stand or fall with implementation (NECPs). (CAN Europe)
- Powering the twin-engine cooperation: navigating climate cooperation between China and the EU. (IEEP)
- How feedback loops and non-linear thinking can inform climate policy. (Jan Rosenow et al.)
- Swiss glacier collapse highlights urgent need for monitoring and warning systems, WMO says. (Euronews, Euractiv)
- Global energy investment will rise to $3.3 trillion in 2025 amid economic uncertainty and concerns about energy security. (IEA)
- Commission identifies “gap the size of Belgium” in EU 2030 energy efficiency targets. (Euractiv)
- Europe needs an “energy saving first” principle, says French think tank. (Euractiv)
- Strategies for resilience - Preparing sustainable energy systems for extreme weather. (IRENA)
- Just energy transition and gender. A systematic review for feminist research. An article.
- EU gas imports will fall by 25% by 2030 as demand reduction target is exceeded again. (IEEFA)
- The EU's new carbon tax (ETS2) is a €300 billion opportunity to help European citizens move away from fossil fuels. (Transport & Environment)

- Carbon Certification Removal Framework (CRCF) methodologies are among the lowest quality – analysis. (Carbon Market Watch)
- Innovative urban design in times of heat: Renewing our cities for resilient spaces. (Covenant of Mayors)
- National Building Renovation Plans (NBRP): a powerful tool for a just and climate-resilient built environment. (CAN Europe, CAN Europe)
- EU exports of used clothing wear out African second-hand markets. (META)
- Implementation of the circular economy in the electronics sector: a systematic literature review and future research directions. An article.
- The Commission selects 13 strategic projects in third countries to secure access to raw materials and support local value creation. (Commission, EEB)
- Cutting EU regulations is a gift to Chinese car manufacturers. (Franziska Grüning and Julia Poliscanova)
- Behind the car-tel: when EU rules on vehicles give manufacturers too much room for manoeuvre. (META)
- Average CO_2 emissions from new cars and new vans rose slightly in 2024. (EEA)
- Can von der Leyen save the European car industry from "the slow agony of decline"? (William Todts)
- The green illusion: Rethinking digital platforms in the era of climate justice. (Pulung Aruna Bhumi)
- Proposed simplification of EU chemicals legislation masks deregulation. (Margot Wallström, Jytte Guteland and Mats Engström)
- A half-empty glass: Europe's water resilience strategy requires difficult choices. (Euractiv)
- Water savings in key economic sectors can help improve the EU's water resilience. (EEA)
- Commission launches strategy to improve water security for people, the economy and the environment. (Commission, EEB, BEUC)
- How should the EU respond to US trade policy? Politico, Euractiv, Euractiv, The Guardian, ETUI, Euractiv, EUobserver.
- Mercosur is set to sail – with sustainability issues, will the deal sink or swim? (Arc2020)
- Lula pushes for EU-Mercosur deal as Macron holds firm in Paris. (Euractiv)
- Benchmarking Working Europe 2025. Quality jobs for sustainable competitiveness. (ETUI)
- Clean Industrial Deal: course correction needed for a green and just transition. (CAN Europe)
- Towards green industrial partnerships. (Clingendael)
- New quantifications: planetary boundaries in the future. (Stockholm Resilience Centre, Nature)
- As EU acts to stop greenwash, funds drop climate claims from their names. (Climate Home News)
- 8/10 French people want multinationals to be accountable for their social and environmental impacts. (Reclaim Finance)
- Aligning Policy Ambitions: Assessing the Omnibus Regulation Against the Antwerp Declaration and the Clean Industrial Deal. (ERCST)
- The State of Europe's Climate Investment, 2025 edition. (i4ce)
- Leveraging private transition investment through the EU's multiannual financial framework. (E3G)
- More risk, no reward? The strange revival of securitisation. (Finance Watch)
- PCAF's proposals for avoided emissions: enabling a greenwashing bonanza? (Reclaim Finance)
- Corporate Climate Responsibility Monitor 2025: Food and agriculture sector. (New Climate Institute, Carbon Market Watch)

- Implementation of EU nature restoration legislation: exploring options for Member States. (Bruegel)
- A drop in the ocean: WWF warns that only 2% of EU seas will be protected by 2030. (WWF)
- Treaty to protect seas receives too little support in run-up to UN summit on oceans. (Climate Home News, SEI)
- EU Oceans Pact — time for commission to be enforcer, not just architect. (Maria Damanaki and Virginijus Sinkevičius)
- Commission approves European Ocean Pact for a healthy ocean, a competitive blue economy and thriving coastal communities. (Commission, Politico, WWF)
- The EU is throwing the wolf to the wolves. (Arc2020, Council)
- "A systemic problem": Legal action against EU failure to stop bottom trawling in protected areas. (Euronews, ClientEarth)
- Protect foreign investment in clean energy projects from regulatory changes. (E3G)
- Early warnings for heatwaves can save lives – and we need them now. (Mirianna Budimir et al.)
- Climate justice for Africa: 3 legal routes for countries suffering the most damage. (Oluwabusayo Wuraola)

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Activities

- 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
- 2025-06-17 | Online | Regulating AI through collective bargaining
- 2025-06-18 | Online | Breaking barriers: behavioural change strategies for circular economy implementation
- 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
- 2025-06-24 | Subcontracting in logistics
- 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
- 2025-07-09 | Online | Roots of Resilience – Enhancing Biodiversity through Agroecology
- 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

- 2025-06-17 | 2024 Annual management and performance report for the EU budget | Fifth Omnibus on defence | Review of the Securitisation Framework
- 2025-06-25 | New State Aid Framework
- 2025-07-02 | Climate Law – 2040 targets | 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, including first set of sectoral proposals
- 2025-07-23 | Post-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework package: second set of sectoral proposals

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