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General

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

Current affairs

- Exceptionally dry spring in parts of north-western Europe – Second warmest May globally. (Copernicus, Politico, Euractiv, The Guardian, Euronews)
- "Old statistics don't apply": Record-breaking Arctic heatwave made 3°C hotter by climate change. (Euronews, WWA)
- Broad coalition of EU leaders: Achieve an ambitious climate target for 2040 through domestic measures. (CAN Europe, Carbon Market Watch)
- Why the EU is about to cripple its next climate target. (Politico)
- The (preparatory) climate conference will take place in Bonn from 19 to 26 June. (ENB, E3G, E3G, E3G, E3G, E3G, Tracy Kajumba, WWF, WWF)
- The EU's next NDC: an opportunity to strengthen energy security and industrial competitiveness. (CLG, WRI)
- 'Leave no one behind' must be central to Europe's climate resilience efforts. (EEA)
- Global mapping of simultaneous hazards and impacts of climate extremes in climate change. An article.
- EU watchdog finds that money to tackle European forest fires is not being well spent. (The Guardian, ECA)
- Europe's best bet: Doubling down on the climate transition. (E3G)
- European Green Deal Barometer 2025. (IEEP)
- Shaping global green leadership. (IEEP)
- How human-made aerosols are "masking" global warming. (CarbonBrief)
- How the "Big Beautiful Bill" is making American energy more expensive for consumers and the climate. (Daniel Cohan)
- President Donald Trump's latest climate rollback makes it all but official: The United States is giving up on trying to stop the planet's warming. (Politico)
- Majority support for global redistributive and climate policies. An article. (Nature)
- Security: What we need to talk about. (WBGU)
- The key to energy security and affordability lies in plain sight. (Dan Jørgensen and Fatih Birol)
- The energy footprint in the EU: How CO_2 emission reductions promote sustainable development. An article.

- The EU's strategic dialogues – are they just “participation washing”? (Lea Schewe et al.)
- EU countries consider relaxing methane emissions law on gas imports. (Reuters, CAN Europe, Greenpeace, Council, CEO, Oil Change International)
- New report examines measures for a just transition in the construction sector. (Circle Economy)
- Social Climate Fund: Tackling energy poverty in the construction sector. (Build Up)
- Is consumption growth occurring where it is most needed? An empirical analysis of current energy and material trends. An article.
- Commission accused of stonewalling climate-friendly cement makers. (Euractiv)
- German car lobby proposal sparks new debate on EU ban on combustion engines. (Politico)
- Ever-rising height of car bonnets a ‘clear threat’ to children, report says. (The Guardian, Transport & Environment)
- Two recent successes with “social leasing programmes” for zero-emission vehicles. (ICCT)
- Scientists warn against attempts to change the definition of PFAS. (The Guardian)
- EU agrees to clean up dirty detergents. (ECOS)
- The AI hype is just like the blockchain hype – this is what happens when the hype disappears. (Gediminas Lipnickas)
- New Economy Report: Sustainable Business Transformation. (EY)
- The green industry needs a buyer: the State. (META)
- Progress over promises. Reconsidering direct government support through a progress-dependent conditionality system. (ZOE Institut)
- How should the EU deal with US trade policy? The Guardian, Politico, The Guardian, Politico, EUobserver.
- Why Mercosur is just the beginning of the story. (Ernesto Talvi)
- Commission cooks up side deal to melt Macron’s resistance to Mercosur. (Politico)
- Sustainable in name, sustainable in nature? (Nikkie Pelzer)
- EU simplification agenda: NGOs united against arbitrary removal of protection (Omnibus). (EEB, CAN Europe, WWF)
- Most finance ministries are concerned about climate change, but face obstacles in incorporating it into economic analyses and decisions. (LSE)
- Banks and the risk of climate litigation: navigating the low-carbon transition. (LSE)
- Insurance losses from climate change could affect the wider economy, warns ECB. (Green Central Banking)
- A credible UN carbon market needs rules that count – we just set them. (Martin Hession and Maria AlJishi)
- The UN Ocean Conference took place from 9 to 13 June. (ENB, Euronews, Euronews, The Guardian, Transport & Environment, Politico, Euronews, Euronews, Euronews, Euractiv, Reclaim Finance, Climate Home News)
- Nearly 100 countries call for ambitious global treaty against plastic pollution at UN summit on oceans. (Euronews, Climate Home News)
- “Ticking time bomb”: ocean acidity has reached critical levels and threatens entire ecosystems, study finds. (The Guardian)
- “Win-win”: new maps show best opportunities for global reforestation. (The Guardian, CarbonBrief)
- Why its watering down of sustainability rules is classic EU fudge. (Euractiv)
- EU countries sideline experts in their rush to relax green rules. (Politico)
- Accelerating renewable energy without harming nature. (ClientEarth)
- Biodiversity, health science and the human right to a healthy environment. An article.
- Satellites show where forests are being lost – now AI is helping researchers determine why. (Euronews)

- Europe can't fix the climate without fixing farming. (META)
- Realigning selected CAP payment schemes. (IEEP)

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Activities

- 2025-06-17 | Online | Regulating AI through collective bargaining
- 2025-06-18 | Online | Breaking barriers: behavioural change strategies for circular economy implementation
- 2025-06-18 | Webinar | Advancing a just transition towards circular economy
- 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?
- 2025-06-26 | Online | Green Finance Forum: Scaling private investment in building decarbonisation
- 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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