



## General

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

## Current affairs

- June and July were once again very warm months. ([Copernicus](#), [Copernicus](#))
- Southern Europe faced extremely severe weather conditions. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Maria Mendiluce](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Euronews](#))
- Collapse of critical Atlantic current is no longer low-likelihood, study finds. ([The Guardian](#), [Politico](#))
- Fact check: Trump's climate report contains more than 100 inaccurate or misleading claims. ([CarbonBrief](#), [Euronews](#))
- Staying on course in turbulent times. Insights into the current state of affairs and the course to be followed for the EU's climate, energy and financial policies. ([EcoLogic](#))
- Fact check: 16 misleading myths about solar energy. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- New analysis shows solar energy in the EU is stagnating, with 2025 expected to be the first year of market decline in a decade. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- Governments are avoiding renewable energy goals – and it matters. ([Katie Altieri and Dave Jones](#))
- Battery energy storage systems: the key to closing the gap between renewable energy supply and demand. ([IRENA](#))
- Solar panels in space “could provide 80% of Europe's renewable energy by 2050”. ([The Guardian](#))
- The EU must take decisive action on electricity networks to ensure competitiveness and security. ([WindEurope](#))
- Global demand for electricity will continue to grow strongly until 2026, despite economic headwinds. ([IEA](#))
- Staying cool without overheating the energy system. ([IEA](#))
- A vision for ETS2. ([CAN Europe](#))
- The Commission has launched a public consultation on the new Circular Economy Act. ([Commission](#), [Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#), [Zero Waste Europe](#))
- More than efficiency: why sufficiency should drive the raw materials policy agenda. ([Earth4All](#))

- The European strategy for critical raw materials demands equitable global partnerships. ([Bernhard Tröster](#))
- A mineral mining boom is not ‘critical’ for the green transition. ([Cleodie Rickard](#))
- Digital technologies are driving the global circular economy. A study. ([Wuppertal Institute](#))
- Laying the foundations for the safe reuse of wood in Europe. ([ECOS](#), [ECOS](#))
- Negotiations for an international treaty against plastic pollution have failed. ([UNEP](#), [ENB](#), [New Climate Institute](#), [CIEL](#), [CIEL](#), [Climate Home News](#), [Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- A circular plastics economy must take all social costs into account. An [article](#).
- Can the plastics sector become more sustainable? A study. ([JRC](#))
- Good waste management can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the EU. ([JRC](#))
- German company gives used EV batteries a “second life”. ([Euractiv](#))
- Tackling mobility poverty with shared mobility offers – a qualitative analysis of mobility needs and barriers in the context of a new mobility centre in a disadvantaged neighbourhood. An [article](#).
- Flying is still cheaper than trains on most EU routes, study finds. ([Euractiv](#), [Greenpeace](#))
- Hoping to electrify private jets? Not so fast. ([ICCT](#))
- The European Union could generate 10 times more revenue for climate action by holding the aviation industry accountable in the revision of the emissions trading system. ([Carbon Market Watch](#))
- Countries obliged to include aviation contrails in climate plans under Paris Agreement, new legal advice shows. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Research shows that heatwaves cause people to age faster. ([The Guardian](#))
- People inhale as much as 68,000 microplastic particles every day, according to research. ([The Guardian](#))
- Artificial intelligence and civil liability. A [study](#).
- How AI is already harming European consumers in retail finance. ([Peter Norwood and Max Kretschmer](#))
- Industrial policy must include citizens and workers. ([Werner Raza](#))
- The green jobs crisis in Europe: why slow decarbonisation poses a greater threat to employment than climate measures. ([Béla Galgóczi](#))
- The Social Pillar 2.0 Action Plan: a tool for a competitive and sustainable EU. ([E3G](#))
- What next for the US-EU trade agreement? ([Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EUobserver](#), [EUobserver](#), [Commission](#), [EEB](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Transport & Environment](#), [Oil Change International](#), [BEUC](#), [Politico](#), [EUobserver](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Thierry Breton](#), [Commission](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#))
- The EU-Mercosur deal comes with serious environmental and social implications. ([Silvia Meloni](#))
- Countries must deal with imported emissions in a fair and flexible manner. ([Arunabha Ghosh and Laurence Tubiana](#))
- The International Court of Justice published an advisory opinion on climate change. ([ICJ](#), [ENB](#), [Green Central Banking](#), [ClientEarth](#), [Oil Change International](#), [SciencesPo](#), [Chatham House](#))
- Lagarde warns against cutting EU corporate sustainability rules too much. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- EFRAG’s revision of Sustainability Reporting Standards raises red flags. ([WWF](#), [EFRAG](#), [Reclaim Finance](#))
- Beyond disclosure – or why the EU’s green strategy is coming apart. ([CEPS](#))
- How new guidelines can help put people at the heart of climate transition plans. ([Nick Robins](#))

- The European Central Bank introduces climate factor into its collateral framework in a new groundbreaking measure. ([WWF](#), [Reclaim Finance](#), [Green Central Banking](#))
- Integrating climate into the European Commission's proposal on securitisation. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- Climate impacts on reinsurance should be a concern for regulators, experts say. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Finance on trial: how climate litigation against banks could drive systemic change. ([Rick Bosman and Jasper Blom](#))
- Repairing the broken governance chain: aligning private finance with the Paris Agreement. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- Integrating climate with financials: Climate as an overlay to financial planning. ([WBCSD](#))
- Report: heat stress affects labour markets, productivity and price stability. ([Green Central Banking](#), [CETEX](#))
- From words to action: incorporating climate risks into country credit ratings. ([Lorenzo Cappiello et al.](#))
- Green bonds key to climate finance, but challenges remain. ([IEEFA](#))
- Sustainability bonds: why Europe can revitalise the market. ([IEEFA](#))
- Closing Europe's investment gap: understanding the potential of leveraging institutional investors. ([Bruegel](#))
- Can the next EU budget pave the way for a climate transition investment plan? ([Clara Calipel and Ciarán Humphreys](#))
- Mainstreaming climate and environmental objectives in EU funding programmes in the post-2027 period. A study. ([EcoLogic](#))
- The post-2027 CAP and MFF proposals for the EU: first reflections on their environmental implications. ([IEEP](#))
- Climate and environment in the Commission's CAP proposal. ([Alan Matthews](#))
- An international levy on oil extraction. A study. ([EcoLogic](#))
- How deforestation threatens economic stability. ([Elena Almeida](#))
- Research shows that deforestation has cost half a million lives over the past 20 years. ([The Guardian](#), [Nature](#), [CarbonBrief](#))
- Can we really talk about a “regenerative” bioeconomy? ([ECOS](#))
- ‘A climate of unparalleled malevolence’: are we on our way to the sixth major mass extinction? ([The Guardian](#))
- ‘We cannot do it the way our fathers did’: farmers across Europe struggle to adapt to the climate crisis. ([The Guardian](#))
- From Addis Ababa to Belém: Unlocking Africa's energy future. ([E3G](#))
- The vulnerability of developing countries to changes in US foreign aid policy under the second Trump administration. A [briefing](#).

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## Activities

- 2025-09-02 | Online | [Circular economy: why resources matter for economic system change](#)
- 2025-09-03 | Online | [Tracking the Transition to a Clean, Competitive and Fair EU Future](#)
- 2025-09-15 | [Finance for Nature-based Solutions](#)
- 2025-09-18 | [Met deelvoertuigen naar een meer duurzame mobiliteit: kansen en uitdagingen](#) – [Vers une mobilité plus durable grâce aux véhicules partagés : opportunités et défis](#)

- 2025-09-18 | Online | [Second-Hand Instead of New. Calculating and Communicating CO<sub>2</sub> Savings Potential](#)
- 2025-09-22 | Online | [Code to competitiveness – How can digital skills power Europe’s future?](#)
- 2025-09-23 | [Fit for flexibility? - How to uncover the potential of storage, grids and flexible generation](#)
- 2025-09-24 | [A clean, just, and competitive European industry](#)
- 2025-09-24 | Hybrid | [The EU and the Aarhus Convention – taking stock of the Union’s progress towards Environmental Democracy](#)
- 2025-09-25 | [AI, supercomputing, and the energy transition - Strategic infrastructure for Europe’s climate and digital leadership](#)
- 2025-09-30 | Hybrid | [Sustainability reporting and assurance and the omnibus package – Burden or opportunity for EU competitiveness?](#)
- 2025-10-02 | Webinar | [Turning EPBD Guidance into practice – The role of building performance data for Member States](#)
- 2025-10-14 | [Towards a circular and resilient economy in Europe: Enabling the use, value and uptake of recycled materials](#)
- 2025-10-14 | Hybrid | [Powering Europe’s future - B2B Circularity for industrial competitiveness](#)
- 2025-10-14 – 2025-10-16 | [Energy Storage Global Conference](#)
- 2025-10-16 | Hybrid | [Zero-Emission Vehicles – Accelerating demand across Europe](#)
- 2025-10-28 | [Energy & Environment Policy Conference. Powering Europe’s sustainable future](#)
- 2025-11-18 | [Beyond Summit 2025](#)
- 2025-11-20 | [Experimentation in buying decent work. Transforming public procurement policies and practice](#)
- 2025-10-28 | [Energy & Environment Policy Conference. Powering Europe’s sustainable future](#)
- 2025-12-09 | [Transport Policy Conference. How can we accelerate the decarbonisation of the transport sector?](#)

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#### Commission documents

- 2025-09-03 | [Post-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework: second package](#)
- 2025-09-09 | [2025 Strategic Foresight Report](#)



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