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- The [Political Guidelines 2024-2029](#).
- The Commission has published [the work programme for 2026](#).

Current affairs

- August was the joint warmest month ever recorded globally, with temperatures once again exceeding 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. ([Copernicus](#))
- Research shows that 2025 was one of the driest years on record for rivers worldwide. ([The Guardian](#))
- Due to El Niño and global warming, water vapour in the Earth's atmosphere rose to record levels in August. ([The Guardian](#))
- Preliminary research suggests that the climate crisis likely weakened the glacier that caused the devastating floods in Nepal and Tibet. ([The Guardian](#), [Umesh Haritashya](#))
- Global Glacier Extinction Explorer. ([Global Glacier Extinction Explorer](#))
- "Give us resources, not praise," say European firefighters after a hellish summer. ([Politico](#))
- On Wednesday 16 September, Ursula von der Leyen delivered her annual State of the Union address. ([Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [EUObserver](#), [Politico](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [EUObserver](#), [EUObserver](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euronews](#), [Euronews](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Politico](#), [Commission/von der Leyen](#), [We Mean Business Coalition](#), [EPC](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [EP](#), [Reuters](#), [EEB](#), [Greenpeace](#), [CEO](#), [The Guardian](#), [EPC](#), [SolarPower Europe](#))
- The EU is heading to COP31 with a clear message: climate pledges are no longer enough. ([Euronews](#))
- The Age of Power. How the electrotech and information revolution are converging – and what this means for energy, markets and geopolitics. ([Ember](#), [Maria Mendiluce](#))
- 'Slowing things down': Trade wars hit global electrification shift. ([Politico](#))
- Europe was the 'most unusually hot place on the planet' this summer. Can renewables cool us down? ([Euronews](#))
- The implementation of the EU's industrial policy is proceeding too slowly to revitalise European solar panel production, according to a new report by SolarPower Europe. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- When the Rivers Run Low: Why Reliable Power Depends on Diversity. ([IRENA](#))
- Why the energy transition will be driven by consumers. ([WEF](#))

- The emergency brake: why measures to tackle methane can bridge the gap to a clean, electrified economy. ([We Mean Business Coalition](#))
- The data the private sector needs to stimulate investment in national transition plans. ([E3G](#))
- Analysis: Global emissions from fossil fuels are set to fall in 2026 against the backdrop of the crisis in the Strait of Hormuz. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The friction of phasing out: political and economic barriers to moving beyond fossil fuels. ([New Climate Institute](#))
- US scraps restrictions on emissions from coal and gas-fired power stations, removing a key tool in the fight against the climate crisis. ([The Guardian](#))
- Strengthening the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and closing loopholes in the legislation. ([EP](#))
- Lead MEP wants to ease near-term industrial decarbonisation. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU Emissions Trading System (ETS): amendment to the market stability reserve. ([EP](#))
- Revision of the EU Emissions Trading System and the market stability reserve. A [briefing](#).
- ETS: Council approves targeted measure to protect energy-intensive sectors from carbon leakage. ([Council](#), [Reuters](#))
- Europe wants an electric economy. Weakening the ETS would make it harder to build. ([Maria Mendiluce](#))
- The affordability of housing costs in the EU: the impact of energy efficiency and socio-economic developments. ([JRC](#))
- The EU approves the shipment of huge quantities of waste to Turkey, despite environmental concerns. ([Politico](#))
- There can be no circular economy without decent working conditions. ([Judith Kirton-Darling and Jan Willem Goudriaan](#))
- Achieving textile circularity in the EU: from challenges to opportunities. ([CEPS](#))
- The picture we paint of donated clothing is incomplete. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Response to the draft legislation on public procurement: opportunities and shortcomings for circular social enterprises. ([RREUSE](#))
- Reckless expansion plans exceed European airports' CO₂ limits. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- How do you build climate-resilient transport systems? ([Erica E.F. Ballantyne](#))
- 'Tidal wave' of Pfas being launched to satisfy AI industry, campaigners warn. ([The Guardian](#))
- Europe must develop its own AI, or it risks being sidelined by the US or China, says ECB's Lagarde. ([The Guardian](#))
- Why AI researchers are warning that humanity faces the threat of extinction. ([DW](#))
- The rush for data centres will cause a 'tsunami' of discarded electronics, according to a report. ([The Guardian](#))
- The AI boom highlights the challenge of protecting infrastructure against physical risks. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- How can Europe become low-carbon without compromising economic development? New research offers a roadmap. ([Euronews](#))
- Europe's industrial revival needs local and regional foundations. ([E3G](#))
- Public funding must be accompanied by public obligations for European industry. ([Judith Kirton-Darling](#))
- The international dimension of the proposed Industrial Accelerator Act. A [briefing](#).
- Innovation in clean technology, industrial decarbonisation and global competition: a focus on China. A [briefing](#).
- People want the economic system to change – but no longer trust that anyone will make it happen. ([Earth4All](#), [Kate Pickett](#))
- The Happy Planet Index Report 2026. ([Hot or Cool](#))

- Sea-level rise: implications for human rights and legal obligations to prevent and remedy climate damage. ([CIEL](#))
- The Commission submits the landmark trade agreement with India to the Council for signature. ([Commission](#))
- EU announces climate insurance alliance to close the growing protection gap. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- According to a report, the world's 20 largest private equity firms emit more greenhouse gases annually than most countries. ([The Guardian](#), [Private Equity Climate Risks](#))
- Following a deadly summer, more than 30 organisations are calling on the EU to make nature our first line of defence. ([WWF](#))
- SFDR: the ECON Committee is sending mixed signals, but acknowledges the problem surrounding oil and gas. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- The €2 trillion European budget is leading to fewer investments, not more. ([Sonja Hennen and Dominika Biegón](#))
- The European Parliament is beginning to rethink the global role of the euro. ([Positive Money](#))
- The fight against the expansion of fossil fuels: the underestimated role of state-backed (re)insurers. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- Stabilising the market affected by shocks. Pass-through of energy prices, inflation and the arguments for central bank support during the transition. ([NEF](#))
- Decoupling food insecurity from shocks: a global analysis of the resilience of the food system. An [article](#).
- Developments and challenges of the circular economy in agriculture: a comparative analysis between European and US countries. An [article](#).
- Less bureaucracy, more pesticides? ([FTM](#))
- Microplastics in soil pose global threat by acting like 'Trojan horse' to deliver toxins. ([The Guardian](#))
- Supporting a systemic transition for the livestock and protein sectors. ([IEEP](#))
- Global leaders urged to join initiative to fight extreme inequality. ([The Guardian](#))

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Activities

- 2026-09-21 | Online | [A Vision for the Future of EU Carbon Market Governance](#)
- 2026-09-22 | [Critical finished products and societal benefits](#)
- 2026-09-24 | [New trade rules for a disorderly world](#)
- 2026-09-24 | [No green transition without health and safety at work](#)
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- 2026-09-29 | Hybrid | [Preparing for RED IV – How can renewable energy deliver for heating, industry and rural communities?](#)
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- 2026-10-01 | Hybrid | [Energy efficiency – How can it shape Europe's post-2030 energy and climate framework?](#)
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- 2026-10-06 | [AI in balance](#) - [AI in balance](#)

- 2026-10-12 | Online | [EU Code Week 2026 Launch Event: Building Resilience, Connecting & Empowering Communities in the Age of AI](#)
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- 2026-11-19 | [The clean tech challenge: How to fuse R&I, energy and decarbonisation strategies?](#)
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Commission documents

- 2026-09-30 | [European critical communication system](#) | [2040 vision for fisheries and aquaculture](#)
- 2026-10-06 | [European Product Act](#) - European Product Regulation: update of framework for product rules and market surveillance - Standardisation Regulation: update of rules on standardization
- 2026-10-20 | [2027 Commission work programme](#) | [2026 annual overview report on simplification, implementation and enforcement](#) | [Northern Neighbourhood – New Arctic Strategy](#)
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