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

Current affairs

- ‘Planetary boundaries’ necessary for flourishing of life have been massively breached, scientists warn. ([Planetary Health Check](#), [The Guardian](#), [Euronews](#), [PIK](#), [Stockholm Resilience Centre](#))
- Burning forests, drying-up rivers, €180 billion in damage: European politicians are left to foot the bill after the ‘summer of truth’. ([The Guardian](#))
- Born in a burning Europe: how extreme fire conditions will get even worse for children and how we can prevent this. ([Euronews](#), [article](#))
- Huge El Niño projected to cause more than 450,000 deaths by February. ([The Guardian](#), [Climate Impact Lab](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Analysis: ‘Super El Niño’ breaks ‘remarkable’ all-time record. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- The economic impact of heatwaves in Belgium: what does the summer of 2026 teach us? ([CERAC](#))
- Recent trends in water have serious implications for the future. ([WMO](#))
- Poorer countries will be among the last to benefit if global emissions are reduced to net zero. ([The Guardian](#), [article](#))
- Fears are growing that the next UN Secretary-General will water down climate action. ([The Guardian](#))
- Explained: How rising sea levels pose an ‘existential threat’ to people, heritage and nature. ([CarbonBrief](#))
- UN Global Risk Report. ([UN](#), [UN News](#))
- UN chief urges countries to adopt fossil fuel transition plans with timelines. ([Climate Home News](#))
- National climate targets and flexibility options beyond 2030. A [briefing](#).
- Our message to world leaders: by the end of this decade, we need solar power everywhere. Open letter. ([The Guardian](#), [Bill McKibben](#))
- Renewables Gain Ground, but Must Accelerate Towards the 2030 Goal. ([IRENA](#))
- Is the EU’s electricity supply ‘diverse’ enough? The share of renewable energy sources is falling compared with last year, despite massive growth in solar power. ([Euronews](#))

- ‘The world’s largest untapped energy source’: how waste heat could help Europe end its dependence on gas. ([Euronews](#), [Danfoss](#))
- Electrification is taking centre stage as the crisis in the Strait of Hormuz prompts countries to boost their energy security. ([IEA](#), [CAN International](#))
- Electrification in figures: how might energy systems change by 2035? ([IRENA](#))
- Macron asks EU to relax energy and climate rules to ease soaring fuel prices. ([Politico](#))
- The EU has given itself six years to set up an emissions trading market from scratch. ([Isabel Scheckenbach](#))
- Market Stability Reserve: Council agrees to a targeted amendment for a resilient and predictable carbon market. ([Council](#))
- Review of the emissions trading system. ([ETUI](#))
- Policy instruments for decarbonisation and climate justice: insights from a systematic literature review in the social sciences. An [article](#).
- China’s stranglehold on rare earths must be ended, says hopeful supplier to EU. ([The Guardian](#))
- Research and innovation must reduce dependence on critical raw materials by utilising advanced materials in passenger cars. ([JRC](#))
- Extended producer responsibility: 2026 as a turning point. A [briefing](#).
- Green public procurement: a strategic policy tool to accelerate Europe’s industrial transition. ([EEB](#))
- A report reveals that Europe pays €200 million a day in diesel subsidies. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Tackling contrails could prevent 10 years of global warming caused by aviation – new research. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The recovery of the ozone layer is proceeding according to plan, but the risk of exposure to UV radiation remains high in Europe. ([EUobserver](#), [WMO](#))
- The Commission is promoting the energy efficiency and sustainability of data centres in the EU. ([Commission](#), [Euronews](#))
- EU lawmakers are proposing product liability rules to help prevent an AI disaster. ([Politico](#))
- UN panel calls for stricter safeguards as AI systems continue to develop. ([UN News](#))
- Senior bankers push back on climate concerns over AI data centre boom. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Developing leading markets through ‘Made in Europe’ – An assessment of mandatory procurement instruments and their economic impact. A [briefing](#).
- Germany and Spain disagree over who should be included in ‘Made in Europe’. ([Politico](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Beyond uncertainty: what European CEOs need from the EU to build a competitive, resilient and sustainable economy. ([WWF](#))
- Unpacking the environmental omnibus. ([ETUI](#))
- China and the EU: the looming choice between a trade agreement and a trade war. ([Gunnar Wienand](#))
- Sustainability in EU free trade agreements: monitoring briefings. ([IEEP](#))
- EU trade agreements must comply with the due diligence rules established by Europe. ([Alejandro García Esteban](#))
- Position paper by the Platform on Sustainable Finance on the ESMA consultation regarding the revision of the delegated act on taxonomy-related disclosures. ([Platform on Sustainable Finance](#))
- Extreme Weather Drives €500 Billion Spending Need in Europe Through 2035. ([Bloomberg Intelligence](#), [Insurance Journal](#))

- The ECB should aim for a more inclusive green transition, according to a think tank. ([Green Central Banking](#), [Positive Money](#))
- Understanding the Energy Supply Financing Ratio (ESFR) and interpreting banks' disclosures. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- A just transition for all: can Europe's new financing model succeed in this? ([Just Transition Finance Lab](#))
- We can measure climate resilience. So why aren't we investing in it? ([WEF](#))
- Resilience and risks: growth, inflation and financial stability in the eurozone. A [briefing](#).
- The world is lagging behind on key UN biodiversity targets. ([DW](#))
- Applying flexibility and commonality effectively: three ways to increase environmental spending in the CAP post-2027. ([IEEP](#))
- Climate resilience and organic farming. ([IFOAM](#))
- Food security argument for CAP subsidies crumbles under new analysis. ([Arc2020](#))
- Analysis: Nepal's \$20 million claim for 'loss and damage' covers just 0.7 per cent of the costs of the floods. ([CarbonBrief](#), [Dharam R Uprety](#))

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- 2026-10-30 | [Meer ondernemen, met minder grondstoffen - Entreprendre plus, avec moins de matières premières](#)
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- 2026-11-19 | [The clean tech challenge: How to fuse R&I, energy and decarbonisation strategies?](#)
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- 2026-12-03 | [Energy & Environment Policy Conference 2026](#)

- 2026-12-03 | [Drought as a systemic hazard: Understanding and Managing Complex Climate Risks](#)

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- 2026-09-30 | [European critical communication system](#) | [2040 vision for fisheries and aquaculture](#)
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- 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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