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

Current affairs

- Heatwaves, deaths, crop failures: research into the European summer paints a bleak picture for the future. ([Copernicus](#), [The Guardian](#))
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- 'Explosion of melt rates': 20% of Swiss glaciers lost in five years. ([The Guardian](#))
- Sea ice in Antarctica has fallen to its third-lowest level ever recorded during the winter, whilst scientists warn of an 'immediate problem'. ([The Guardian](#))
- How the Commission aims to put an end to the blame game surrounding the climate crisis. ([Politico](#))
- Europe is trying out a tougher, more assertive approach to climate diplomacy. ([Rapporteur](#))
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- Drought in Europe, August 2026. ([JRC](#))
- Giving the climate a more prominent role in the EU's foreign policy – from crisis to strategy. ([E3G](#))
- 'Europe is ending its addiction to a toxic, costly drug': Heat pump sales soar as electricity taxes fall. ([Euronews](#))
- 'A goldmine': how old EV batteries can help prevent Europe from wasting solar and wind energy. ([Euronews](#))
- Boosting electrification and digitalisation. A [briefing](#).
- Europe's grim energy reality. ([Politico](#))
- EU considers delaying methane legislation. ([Reuters](#))
- Methane accounts for 30 per cent of global warming – so why is the EU trying to delay the rules to reduce its emissions? ([Euronews](#))
- Staying the course – with carrots and sticks. ([Benoît Leguet](#))
- According to a study, decades of influence by the fossil fuel sector have paved the way for Trump's attack on university research. ([The Guardian](#))

- Simplification: the Council agrees on a negotiating position to speed up environmental assessments. ([Council](#), [ClientEarth](#))
- CO₂ transport infrastructure and markets. A [briefing](#).
- COP31 must set more ambitious targets to reduce emissions resulting from the use of materials. ([Patrick Schröder](#))
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- Governance in the mining sector and the transition to green energy: implications for the development of the Global South. An [article](#).
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- Ready to scale up: Europe will have enough batteries to meet demand and further develop its domestic battery value chain. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The European Commission ignored its own advice before relaxing the CO₂ rules for cars. ([Politico](#))
- A new analysis shows that running an electric car now costs half as much as running a diesel car. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Research: second-hand electric cars retain their value better than the industry claims. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Electric lorries are cheaper to run than diesel lorries for almost half of all lorries sold in the EU – new analysis. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Policy paper on the EU's water policy in times of extreme weather conditions. ([EEB](#), [WWF](#))
- New EU law against greenwashing makes sustainable shopping easier. ([EEB](#))
- Digital product passport: opportunities for a stronger, more sustainable single market. ([ECOS](#))
- Europe must not let its future in the field of AI depend on large data centres. ([Chris Kremidas-Courtney](#))
- EU accused of hiding environmental impact of data centers. ([Politico](#), [Lighthouse Reports](#))
- Who stands to benefit depends on how AI is regulated. ([Sara Riso](#))
- 5 battles that will decide EU's 'Made in Europe' push. ([Politico](#))
- Europe's clean industrial strategy needs a comprehensive lead-market architecture. ([E3G](#))
- Beyond 1.5°C: putting people at the heart of policy. ([Eurofound](#))
- Disinformation and public engagement in the green transition. A [report](#).
- Four pathways to a resilient economy within planetary boundaries. ([Stockholm Resilience Centre](#))
- New manifesto calls for a fundamental change in the way humanity translates knowledge into action. ([Club of Rome](#))
- 'Tough' talks with China have yet to deliver, EU trade chief says. ([Politico](#))
- Trade, protectionism and climate: an assessment of analytical capacity in a changing policy landscape. An [article](#).
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- Climate plans need workers, not just disclosure. ([Gregory Jackson](#), [Julia Bartosch](#) and [Manuel Nicklich](#))
- Major carbon emitters: quantifying corporate climate liability. ([Influence Map](#))
- The time has come for Europe to prove its climate resilience. ([Simone Tagliapietra](#) and [Guntram B. Wolff](#))
- Why sustainability is important for managing geopolitical risks. ([Frank van Dunné](#), [Eva Vermeulen](#) and [Sem Houben](#))

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- Targets to limit lending to the oil and gas sector are a first step towards decisive action by the banks. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- Inequality is an increasingly serious crisis – for central banks too. ([Positive Money](#))
- Background information on the MFF for the period after 2027 – October 2026. A [briefing](#).
- The UN warns that time is running out to restore the world's forests. ([The Guardian](#), [FAO](#))
- An overview of global biodiversity financing. ([OECD](#))
- A new assessment shows that Europe is not on track to achieve a healthy ocean by 2030. ([WWF](#))
- European agriculture has been severely affected by an exceptionally hot and dry summer. ([JRC](#))
- European scientists sign open letter on relaxation of pesticide regulations. ([Leiden University](#))

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