



General

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

Current affairs

- 10 new insights in climate science 2026/2027. ([10 Insights](#), [Euronews](#))
- A climate nightmare lurks in the Atlantic Ocean. Europe is beginning to take notice. ([Politico](#))
- ‘Techno-optimism’ can lead people to rely on unproven solutions, at the expense of the necessary societal changes. ([The Guardian](#), [study](#))
- Revealed: the massive methane leaks in Turkey, host country of the UN climate summit. ([The Guardian](#))
- Electrification, AI and fossil fuels: what can we expect as Turkey hosts a major climate summit next month? ([Euronews](#), [CAN International](#))
- On 12 October, environment ministers will meet. Among other things, they will discuss the ETS scheme. ([Council](#), [EEB](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#))
- Living the overshoot. ([Simon Zadek](#))
- Extreme heat increases the risks for mothers and babies – but experts say solutions to combat the heat already exist. ([Euronews](#), [Wellcome](#))
- Solar energy and energy storage provide one million jobs in the EU. ([SolarPower Europe](#))
- ‘A powerful buffer’: how solar energy has saved the EU €37.4 billion since the start of the war with Iran. ([Euronews](#))
- Major European cities risk getting stuck with gas heating – report. ([Greenpeace](#))
- Strengthening local participation to drive the energy transition. ([IEEP](#))
- EU hydrogen expansion unlikely to strain most water supplies. ([JRC](#))
- If ETS2 is delayed, Europe would be unprepared for future price shocks, say industry and NGOs. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The European law on affordable housing must look beyond short-term rentals. ([Katarzyna Przybylska](#), [Mónica Vidal](#) and [Laetitia Aumont](#))
- More than just energy performance: the changing role of building certification. ([Build Up](#))
- The EU’s struggle to break China’s dominance in the raw materials sector is not going well. ([Politico](#))
- Advanced Materials Act. A [briefing](#).
- The major impact of circular social enterprises by 2025. ([RREUSE](#))

- Proposal to revise Europe's standardisation system underpins quality standards for the Single Market. ([ECOS](#))
- Eurobarometer findings show that consumer confidence in the EU Ecolabel is rising. ([Commission](#))
- Can you trust that green label? New EU rules make sustainable shopping easier. ([New Leaf](#))
- The European development of a circular economy for transport megaprojects. Insights from a transalpine tunnel. An [article](#).
- The rise of affordable electric cars is expanding consumer choice: sales of models under 25,000 euros are expected to increase sevenfold. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- The EU is working with the UK to prevent 10 per cent import duties on electric vehicles. ([Politico](#))
- Towards a digital fairness act. A [briefing](#).
- The EU has suspended the liability rules for AI. Sam Altman has reignited the debate. ([Politico](#))
- Voters want AI to be regulated with a view to employment, not just safety. ([Stefano Sacchi and Gregorio Buzzelli](#))
- Who owns the machine? ([Hans Stegeman](#))
- How climate resilience boosts business resilience. ([EY](#))
- Conservative plan to kill EU reindustrialisation bill sparks outrage. ([Rapporteur](#))
- UK hopes for agreement with the EU on 'Made in Europe'. ([Politico](#))
- The future of Europe's clean industries. A [briefing](#).
- Industry with a future. A roadmap for Germany's industrial renewal. ([ZOE Institut](#), [EUobserver](#))
- 'The low-carbon transition is a strategic economic opportunity,' say climate CEOs ahead of COP31. ([WEF](#))
- Europe's reluctance means Trump's import tariffs are proving profitable. ([Christian Breuer](#))
- EU negotiators are travelling to China in the hope of curbing imports of cheap hybrid electric cars. ([The Guardian](#))
- This summer's extreme heatwave in Europe is exposing the contradictions in economic policy. ([Green Central Banking](#))
- Quarterly assessment of the ECB's monetary policy stance. ([Sustainable Finance Lab](#))
- World Bank and IMF's lack of climate action could make countries bystanders in their own destruction. ([Federico Sibaja and Jon Sward](#))
- MEPs reiterate their call for an ambitious EU budget for the period 2028–2034. ([EP](#), [Siegfried Mureşan](#) en [Carla Tavares](#))
- Court of Auditors: There is still work to be done on the EU's next long-term budget. ([ECA](#))
- 48 organisations are calling on the EU to put biodiversity at the heart of its 'Global Europe' policy. ([WWF](#))
- European banks are refusing to protect biodiversity from fossil fuels. ([Reclaim Finance](#))
- Mobilising private finance for nature: lessons from large-scale nature investment vehicles. ([ECN](#))
- The International Biodiversity Conference takes place from 19 to 30 October. ([CBD](#), [ENB](#), [SEI](#), [Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#))
- Wildlife populations have declined by 73 per cent, but nature's recovery is still possible. ([The Guardian](#), [WWF](#), [Euronews](#), [Helen Pilcher](#), [Hannah Sarah Wauchope](#), [Gary David Powney](#) en [Nick Isaac](#))
- The workers behind our food. A report. ([IPES FOOD](#))
- Food & Feed Omnibus, co-written by the pesticides lobby. ([CEO](#))
- The new 'Agribusiness Atlas' shows how a handful of companies are gaining ever greater influence over what we eat. ([HBS](#), [Arc2020](#))

- One green shoot at a time: the women restoring the mangrove forests in the Niger Delta, devastated by the oil industry. ([The Guardian](#))
- Africa should not have to adapt to an unjust climate system. ([Mohamed Adow](#))

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Activities

- 2026-10-12 | Online | [EU Code Week 2026 Launch Event: Building Resilience, Connecting & Empowering Communities in the Age of AI](#)
- 2026-10-13 | [From pilot to scale: How can Europe create the right conditions for regenerative agriculture?](#)
- 2026-10-13 | [On the Road to 2040 - Is transport fit for a 90% GHG reduction?](#)
- 2026-10-13 – 2026-10-14 | [The European Sustainable Industry Summit 2026](#)
- 2026-10-15 | [Scaling Circular Investment: From Barriers to Opportunity](#)
- 2026-10-15 – 2026-10-16 | [Cyborg workers 3.0](#)
- 2026-10-20 | Webinar | [Industrial transformation in Europe](#)
- 2026-10-20 | Webinar | [EU Platform on Sustainable Finance webinar](#)
- 2026-10-30 | [Meer ondernemen, met minder grondstoffen](#) - [Entreprendre plus, avec moins de matières premières](#)
- 2026-11-02 | [NetworkNature Science-Policy Dialogue: Nature Restoration](#)
- 2026-11-09 | [Environmental impacts of space activities – Houston do we have a problem?](#)
- 2026-11-12 | [How is collective bargaining responding to AI and algorithmic management?](#)
- 2026-11-19 | [The clean tech challenge: How to fuse R&I, energy and decarbonisation strategies?](#)
- 2026-11-19 | [Warm en koel genoeg, voor iedereen](#) - [Le confort thermique pour toutes et tous](#)
- 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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Commission documents

- 2026-10-20 | [2027 Commission work programme](#) | [2026 annual overview report on simplification, implementation and enforcement](#) | [Northern Neighbourhood – New Arctic Strategy](#)
- 2026-10-28 | [Climate resilience framework](#) - [2040 vision for fisheries and aquaculture](#)
- 2026-11-04 | [Education and skills package](#) - [European strategy on sustainable tourism](#)
- 2026-11-11 | [Circular Economy Act](#) - [Consumer package](#) - Digital Fairness Act - Consumer enforcement initiative
- 2026-11-18 | [Quantum Act](#) - [Advanced Materials Act](#)
- 2026-11-24 | [European Semester autumn package](#) - [Update of rules on unfair trading practices in the food chain](#)



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