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General

- The Political Guidelines 2024-2029.
- The Commission has published the work programme for 2027.

News

- The warmest October on record. It is virtually certain that temperatures will exceed the 1.5°C threshold in 2026. (Copernicus)
- The state of the climate: 2026 is likely to be, alongside 2024, the warmest year since records began. (CarbonBrief)
- Scientists warn: the cryosphere will suffer irreversible damage if the world exceeds the 1.5°C threshold. (ICCI, ICCI, Rapporteur, The Guardian, Climate Analytics)
- 'The world isn't ready yet': There is far too little funding for climate adaptation now that global warming is exceeding the 1.5°C threshold. (UN News, UNEP, UNEP, The Guardian, UNEP FI, Climate Home News)
- By phasing out fossil fuels and taking action against short-lived climate forcers, global warming can be halted by 2050. (Climate Analytics)
- The international UN climate conference COP31 will take place from 9 to 20 November. (COP31, ENB, CEO, ClientEarth, Rachael Mellor, CarbonBrief, Carbon Market Watch, The Guardian, Illari Aragon, CIEL, Zuneera Shah and Manjeet Dhakal, German Institute for Human Rights, Wuppertal Institut, E3G, Nana Antwi-Boasiako Amoah and Charles Wanguhu, CarbonBrief, CarbonBrief, New Climate Institute, Green Central Banking, Euronews, CAN Europe, HBS, Annabella Rosemberg, UNEP, Germanwatch, Özgür Özel, CarbonBrief, Oil Change International)
- Reactions to the proposed climate resilience framework: Bruegel, Theo Cox et al., CEPS.
- Floods and firms: vulnerabilities and resilience to natural disasters in Europe. (JRC)
- Dealing with physical climate risks: the example of flood protection. (JRC)
- What the climate extremes of 2026 teach Europe about resilient infrastructure. (EEA)
- Europe's eroding coastlines face an €800 billion crisis. Is it time to move inland? (Euronews, COE)
- Early climate impact assessments focused on 2025 – how did they fare with regard to global water resources? An article.
- From doctors and teachers to lawyers: every profession has a duty to align with climate goals. (Aaron Thierry en Mario Veen, article)

- The Commission is taking new measures to prepare Europeans for increasing crisis risks. (Commission)
- The Commission presents its 2027 work programme for a stronger and more sovereign Europe and reports on its efforts in the area of simplification. (Commission, Politico, Rapporteur, ClientEarth, EEB, WWF, CAN Europe)
- Concerns about energy security are driving faster growth in renewable energy across an ever-increasing number of countries. (IEA)
- How European electricity markets withstood the heatwave stress test. (HBS)
- How electricity grids are coping with the increasing risk of wildfires. (IEA)
- An analysis of electrification for a world aiming for 1.5°C. (Climate Action Tracker)
- A new era of electrification is dawning at a rapid pace. Its success depends on whether we invest in the modern electricity grids on which this electrification relies. (Ember)
- Clean electrification. A briefing.
- Europe needs a stronger market for power purchase agreements (PPAs) between businesses to realise its electrification ambitions. (SolarPower Europe)
- 'I never understood wind': midterms spark hope for renewables after Trump's hostility. (Jillian Ambrose)
- Record-breaking exports of clean technology from China could reduce CO_2 emissions by 8,400 million tonnes – report. (Euronews)
- Stable prices and reduced imports are playing a leading role in the energy transition. (EIB)
- Fossil fuel imports cost the EU around 300 billion euros in 2025 alone. (WWF)
- The great disaster divide: how the super-rich profit from global climate suffering. (Alex Maitland, Nafkote Dabi and Pubudini Wickramaratne)
- Report and interactive dashboard: NECP Tracker 2026 – update. (CAN Europe)
- How Europeans can become 'better grid citizens' – without reducing their electricity consumption. (Euronews)
- Powering across divides: Clean energy cooperation in a fragmented world. (E3G)
- No climate justice without peace, no peace without phasing out fossil fuels. (Camilla Pollera)
- European oil giants are making 'obscene' profits of 89 billion dollars – more than double the figure for 2025. (Global Witness)
- The Commission's proposal for the emissions trading scheme is incompatible with the 2040 climate target. (WWF, report)
- Making buildings more energy-efficient offers a major opportunity to lower energy bills and reduce emissions. (IEA)
- Using public finance for energy-efficient housing. (CETEX)
- Why mining has different impacts on marginalised communities: lessons for the extraction of critical minerals. (SEI)
- 'Every day, someone loses a hand or a leg': the harsh reality of the textile recycling industry in India. (The Guardian)
- Factors enabling the internal market for second-hand goods and secondary raw materials. A study.
- The ETS investment driver: expanding the strategic European market for e-fuels for shipping and aviation. (Transport & Environment)
- Drive forward or turn back? Four reasons to vote for a strong automotive package. (Transport & Environment)
- MEPs deal another blow to the Green Deal with less stringent emissions targets for cars. (EP, EP, EP, Euronews)
- Asleep At the Wheel: European cars and the electric revolution. (Wolfgang Münchau)
- Smart urban logistics for sustainable cities: a decade of technological innovation and integration of environmental considerations (2014–2024). An article.

- Fast-tracking Big Tech power: new research reveals lobby campaign to ease EU data-centre permits. (CEO)
- Forget AI, Europe has a plan to win the next technological revolution. (Politico)
- Mistral CEO: Europe faces 'complete trap' without frontier AI. (Politico)
- Gender bias and artificial intelligence. A study.
- Are you worried about the digital and green future? How 'transition anxiety' influences democratic attitudes. (ETUI)
- Working together: a European partnership model for decarbonisation. (ECFR)
- Who Owns the Green Transition? Mobilising Industrial. Policy for Workers and the Periphery. (Luam Kidane)
- A competitive Europe must be climate-resilient. (EIB)
- EU–Canada Summit, 29–30 October 2026. (Council, Commission)
- China is leading the way in the clean energy sector. Will it reshape the balance of power in global politics? (Euronews)
- Members of the European Parliament are calling for continued dialogue and concrete results regarding trade with China. (EP)
- Beijing warns EU against deploying anti-China trade weapons. (Rapporteur)
- Ensuring that the EU's partnerships on clean trade and investment contribute to resilience and decarbonisation. (IEEP)
- Tax omnibus: A fresh look at EU rules on direct taxation. A briefing.
- US companies would benefit most from the proposed sustainability reporting standards for non-EU firms. (SustainableViews)
- Corporate green reports: do independent checks really help companies deliver measurable action? (Rizwan Mushtaq and Ammar Ali Gull)
- A guide to using EU legislation to tackle human rights violations and environmental damage. (Global Witness)
- A new article examines how central banks can integrate climate risks into their monetary policy. (CETEX)
- ECB's Lagarde calls for climate resilience measures following a scorching summer. (Reuters, ECB)
- EU budget 2028–2034: state of play. (EP Briefing, ECA)
- The battle over the EU budget is paralysing Brussels on AI chips, the Arctic and agriculture. (Politico)
- The EU is targeting large companies to reach a budget agreement. (Politico)
- The return on resilience we have failed to count. (Pepukaye Bardouille and Sam Mugume)
- The COP17 International Biodiversity Conference took place from 19 to 30 October. (CBD, ENB, EUObserver, The Guardian, CarbonBrief, EUObserver, BirdLife, WRI, Steven Guilbeault, IUCN, PEFC, Gabriella Santini, Emily Woodhouse and Simon Chin-Yee)
- Von der Leyen's Commission threatens to dismantle EU nature laws despite opposition from Member States and 1.25 million citizens. (ClientEarth, EEB, WWF)
- Enhancing the sink or sinking climate policy?. (Carbon Market Watch)
- Just four companies hold the reins of our food systems – and we are the ones paying the price. (Natasha Foote)
- The climate emergency brake Europe needs: how livestock farming pollution hotspots are jeopardising the EU's climate and air quality targets. (EEB)
- Farm workers are falling sick in a Kenyan horticultural town. Were they poisoned by pesticides? (The Guardian)

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- 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?
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- 2026-11-18 | From ambition to action - Is the Critical Raw Materials Act delivering for nickel?
- 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
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- 2026-12-01 | Job quality in a turbulent era
- 2026-12-03 | Energy & Environment Policy Conference 2026
- 2026-12-03 | Drought as a systemic hazard: Understanding and Managing Complex Climate Risks
- 2026-12-08 | Capital today, higher emissions tomorrow? New indicators for climate resilience in the financial sector
- 2026-12-10 | EU-China relations - Rebalancing trade while keeping Europe competitive
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- 2026-11-11 | Consumer package - Digital Fairness Act - Consumer enforcement initiative
- 2026-11-18 | Quantum Act - Advanced Materials Act
- 2026-11-24 | European Semester autumn package
- 2026-12-02 | Circular Economy Act - Strengthening energy security package - European research area Act - Quality Jobs Act
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