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General

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

News

- 'A new era of extreme weather': the Earth is absorbing heat at an ever-increasing rate. (The Guardian, WMO)
- 2026: the global average temperature in four years' time looks set to exceed 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. (Copernicus)
- The world is heading for an 'irreversible breach' of global temperature thresholds, an analysis warns. (The Guardian, Climate Analytics)
- Without rapid climate action, the world is heading to significant overshoot– Climate Action Tracker. (New Climate Institute, Climate Action Tracker, The Guardian)
- The UN's COP31 international climate conference will take place from 9 to 20 November. (COP31, ENB, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, Commission, Council, CarbonBrief, CIEL, IOM, Climate Home News, E3G, WWF, Politico, Euronews, The Guardian, Euronews, Business Europe, Matteo Civillini, Stientje van Veldhoven, Circle Economy, Shannon Gibson, Oil Change International, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm Resilience Centre, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, EP Briefing, The Climate Watch, Shibaji Bose and Shilpi Srivastava, Climate Home News, CarbonBrief, IRENA, Politico, Euronews, Euronews, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, The Guardian, Commission, CAN Europe, Greenpeace, Reuters, Climate Home News, CEO, The Guardian, The Guardian, CIDSE, Global Witness, Reuters, CGIAR, UNEP FI, Trade Ministers on Climate)
- A slight fall in CO_2 emissions from fossil fuels, whilst the war in Iran is giving a boost to renewable energy. (The Guardian, Global Carbon Project, EESD, Nature, Euronews, CarbonBrief)
- Global climate ranking: countries are still behind schedule, but electrification offers a major opportunity to pick up the pace. (New Climate Institute, Climate Change Performing Index)
- Research from the University of Oxford shows that global climate policy continues to make progress despite setbacks. (Oxford University)
- Trends and projections: EU on track for 2030 emissions targets, but progress must accelerate. (EEA, Commission, Commission)

- Reactions to the proposed framework for climate resilience. (Samuel Elrington en Eulalia Rubio, POLIS)
- 'Mega-heatwaves' are intensified by the interaction between soil moisture, air pressure and temperature. (PIK)
- The worse climate change gets, the harder it becomes to halt it. (James Dyke)
- 'Simply staggering': Rapidly developing 'super El Niño' on track to peak in December. (CarbonBrief)
- Trump's war against Iran is forcing Europe to pay the price for its addiction to fossil fuels. (Nacho Álvarez and Jorge Uxó)
- A survey shows that most Europeans want measures to tackle the climate crisis, but not at any cost. (The Guardian)
- TotalEnergies official coordinated with Trump to delay EU methane rules. (EUobserver)
- Methane regulations: Council agrees to a one-year delay in monitoring requirements. (Council)
- Closer alignment between the UK and the EU on energy policy will reduce energy bills and enhance energy security. (WindEurope)
- Europe could save 40 per cent on electricity costs if solar power and batteries 'integrate seamlessly'. (Euronews, SERI)
- Harnessing the winds. (Ember)
- 'A green revolution is not the same as phasing out fossil fuels'. (Joeri de Wilde)
- Weaker EU carbon prices risk shifting CCS costs to taxpayers. (IEEFA)
- The deployment of carbon capture in EU industries: harmonisation of projections for 2030 and 2050. (JRC)
- The deployment of energy storage in the EU: drivers, barriers and policy options. A report.
- A socio-ecological approach to EU regulation on digitalised electricity systems. (Sara Garsia)
- Emissions Trading Scheme: Council and Parliament agree to increase the number of free CO_2 allowances for energy-intensive sectors. (Council)
- EU Court of Justice rejects Poland's request to overturn seven key climate laws. (Politico, Rapporteur)
- From climate risks to construction decisions: why resilience must become a key criterion for building performance. (WEF)
- Affordable Housing Act. A briefing.
- Local connections matter for adopting circular practices in construction. (Commission)
- Decarbonisation risks creating a shortage of essential raw materials, but circularity could bridge this gap. (Circle Economy, Circularity Gap Report)
- By rethinking the way the world manages its resources, waste can be reduced, economies can be strengthened and emissions can be cut. (IEA)
- A mine's fairness is decided before it is dug. (SEI)
- Product lifespan in circular economy life-cycle assessments. An article.
- Circular economy or circular inequality? Informal labour in waste management and the politics of socio-ecological transformation in the Global South. An article.
- Circular washing: the illusion of sustainability within circular business models. An article.
- Circular strategies for steel in the EU: insights based on consolidated material flow data. An article.
- Reduce, reuse, recycle, recover: lessons for applying the '4R' concept in industrial redevelopment. (Commission)
- Electric cars are replacing five times as much oil worldwide as they did five years ago – analysis. (Transport & Environment)
- Blood lead levels in Europe have fallen by 60 per cent, but exposure to lead continues to claim victims. (EEA)

- Research shows that children's exposure to wood burning in the home can be as high as their exposure to traffic exhaust fumes. (The Guardian)
- EU countries still cannot agree on AI. (Politico)
- Europe's ageing leaders are discussing AI – four years late. (Rapporteur)
- The Commission is strengthening consumer protection legislation and adapting it to the digital age. (Commission, BEUC, Briefing, Briefing, Briefing, Alex Agius Saliba and Laura Ballarin Cereza, Finance Watch)
- An analysis of the Commission's package of measures on the 'digital transformation'. (Rapporteur)
- AI datacentres plan on-site power stations on huge scale despite climate risks, research reveals. (The Guardian)
- The EU needs a system to respond to AI incidents, say Finland and Estonia. (Politico)
- AI in democracy: ensuring oversight and compliance with EU values. (EP)
- AI pioneer Yoshua Bengio implores Europe to build frontier models. (Politico)
- MEPs back a new fund to boost Europe's competitiveness. (EP)
- New analysis reveals INEOS's role in expanding the trade in fossil-fuel-derived raw materials, against a backdrop of regulatory loopholes. (CIEL)
- Scaling up the trade in 'green iron': why and how governments must intervene. (E3G)
- New JRC tool tracks European policy aimed at the well-being of future generations. (JRC)
- States' obligation to carry out an environmental impact assessment: lessons from international advisory rulings on climate change and global legislation and regulations. (LSE)
- EU manufacturers could give up on competing with China by 2030, warns commerce chief. (The Guardian)
- Commission seeks feedback on limited assurance standards for sustainability reporting. (Commission)
- There's no escaping it: the climate and nature challenge facing the ECB's Governing Council. (Reclaim Finance)
- As Lagarde leaves the ECB, climate risks remain monetary risks. (Uuriintuya Batsaikhan)
- When your home becomes too risky to insure: the growing climate dilemma in Spain. (Green Central Banking)
- Financing a just transition through the bond market. (Just Transition Finance Lab)
- The business of adaptation: building a trillion-dollar market for resilience. (WEF)
- EU budget for 2027: Council and Parliament reach agreement. (Council)
- Green groups decry exclusion from EU nature hearing. (Rapporteur)

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Activities

- 2026-11-17 | Webinar | What needs to happen for Europe's forests to deliver on the 2050 climate and biodiversity goals?
- 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
- 2026-11-24 | Efficiency, Energy Prices and Competitiveness
- 2026-11-24 | Webinar | International credits and post-2030 national climate targets
- 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
- 2026-12-08 | Webinar | Workers and their unions as climate actors: what way forward?
- 2026-12-10 | EU-China relations - Rebalancing trade while keeping Europe competitive
- 2026-12-15 | The importance of an integrated approach on social and environmental challenges in international cooperation
- 2027-04-28 | Sustainable Finance Conference 2027

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Commission documents

- 2026-11-18 | Advanced Materials Act
- 2026-11-24 | Quantum Act - European Semester autumn package
- 2026-12-02 | Circular Economy Act - Strengthening energy security package - European research area Act - Quality Jobs Act
- 2026-12-15 | Energy Single Market - European emergency response framework - European Product Act

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