



General

- The European Commission presented the [European Green Deal](#) proposal ([communication + roadmap](#)) on 11 December 2019.
- The European Council of [12 December 2019](#) confirmed the principle of climate neutrality.
- The European Parliament on 15 January 2020 adopted [a resolution](#) supporting the Green Deal by a large majority.
- The roadmap accompanying the Commission's communication gives an indicative timing of the expected initiatives.
- The Commission has published the [work programme for 2021](#).

Current affairs

- At the [European Council of 24-25 May](#), the 'Fit for 55%' package will be discussed.
- A [letter](#) from a group of European companies, investors, regions, cities and NGOs on 'fit for 55%'. ([ICLEI](#))
- The European Council will discuss, among other things, the Commission's proposals to extend the ETS to buildings, transport and agriculture. ([Euractiv](#))
- Around the world, young people who want a better climate policy are taking their case to court. ([Bloomberg](#))
- The IEA calls for a development away from fossil fuels with a '[net zero roadmap](#)'. ([The Guardian](#), [Climate Home News](#), [EnergyPost](#), [Euractiv](#), [E3G](#), [NRGI](#), [Climate Home News](#))
- [CAN Europe](#) and [E3G](#) on the revision of the renewable energy directive.
- What role should agrifuels have in the discussion on the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive? ([Euractiv](#))
- Fern on [sustainability criteria](#) for forest biomass under the Renewable Energy Directive.
- The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the hydrogen strategy. ([Euractiv](#), [CAN Europe](#), [WWF](#))
- WEF on the [energy transition](#).
- [Vadim Kononenko](#) on the new European Bauhaus.
- A briefing by BPIE on the '[renovation wave](#)'.
- BPIE on the [carbon footprint of buildings](#).
- The prices of metals needed for the energy transition continue to rise. ([The Guardian](#))

- [Benjamin Hitchcock Auciello and Alex Keynes](#) on sustainable batteries.
- An [article](#) on second life applications for electric vehicle batteries.
- The EU wants to invest heavily in Europe's semiconductor production and computer chip supply chain. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [new report](#) by the European Court of Auditors on the collection of electronic waste. ([Euractiv](#))
- An [article](#) on the extraction of critical materials from European sources.
- An [article](#) about circular cities.
- An [article](#) about design for circular building.
- An [article](#) about circular design.
- A [new report](#) by Circle Economy on measuring the value of circular impact in businesses.
- [Circle Economy](#) joins the European "[Pact for skills](#)".
- An article on [digital passports for clothing](#).
- [EuRIC](#) on the recycling of car tyres.
- Emission standards for vans are too weak, says [Transport & Environment](#).
- Transport & Environment about the [revision of CO₂ standards for cars](#).
- An [article](#) about estimating the impact of MaaS for sustainable urban mobility.
- How can we decarbonise road transport without hitting the most vulnerable extra? ([Elisabetta Cornago](#))
- The [ITF Transport Outlook 2021](#). ([Green Car Congress](#))
- [Public transport](#) is one of the keys to a green recovery policy.
- [Investing in public transport](#) can create many green jobs.
- France invests in [night trains](#).
- The "[Manifesto for a Just City](#)".
- An [article](#) on a green recovery policy for the basic materials sector in the EU.
- The EU must do more to create the conditions for a decarbonisation of the industry. That is what a [new report](#) by Agora Energiewende states. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Commission published [a proposal](#) for a uniform corporate tax regime. ([Euractiv](#))
- The European Parliament wants citizens to have every opportunity to challenge breaches of environmental law in EU courts. ([ClientEarth](#), [Reuters](#), [CAN Europe](#))
- A new study on the presence of PFAS in disposable food packaging. ([Euractiv](#))
- The European Parliament has now formally approved the [Just Transition Fund](#). ([Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#), [Bloomberg](#), [WWF](#), [EU Reporter](#))
- How is the European recovery plan coming along? ([The Conversation](#))
- The Commission expects the European Recovery Fund to have a positive impact on economic recovery. ([Euractiv](#))
- Will the Member States make good use of the resources of the European Recovery Fund? ([Euractiv](#))
- A [new report](#) by Bruegel on recovery policies after Covid-19.
- Gender equality, equitable transition and the shift to green jobs. ([Kate Coles](#), [Annelise Thim and Samantha Harris](#))
- Ravi Abeywardana on [corporate sustainability reporting](#).
- The Commission further considers the role of natural gas in the taxonomy. ([Reuters](#))
- WEF on '[greenwashing](#)'.
- An article on [green bonds](#).
- Hassan Sabir on [green bonds](#).
- The currency derivatives market is also thinking about sustainable financing. ([Reuters](#))
- A [new instrument](#) to enable institutional investors to take more action to tackle the climate crisis and accelerate the 'net-zero' transition.
- The Commission supports Member States in [green budgeting](#).

- How can we close data gaps on climate risks? ([WEF](#))
- A group of church institutions from 11 countries opts for [divestment](#).
- The Commission proposed a plan for a [sustainable blue economy](#). ([EIB](#), [WWF](#), [Euractiv](#))
- A circular food system provides opportunities for investors. ([Forbes](#))
- Public concern for nature and biodiversity has risen sharply. This is shown in a new report. ([WWF](#), [Landscape News](#))
- FoEI is concerned about the proposal now being discussed in the CBD for [mainstreaming](#) biodiversity in all sectors.
- How can the financial sector invest in biodiversity? ([BNP Paribas Fortis](#))
- A report on [biodiversity and the human rights](#) of indigenous peoples and local communities.
- In the coming months, the European Parliament will vote on the biodiversity and Farm to Fork strategies. ([Sabien Leemans and Jabier Ruiz](#))
- The Commission produced a [methodology](#) to assess the impact of trade liberalisation on biodiversity and ecosystems. ([IEEP](#))
- A [WHO report](#) on biodiversity, nature and health.
- Germany launched an international biodiversity fund in preparation for the Kunming Summit. ([Climate Home News](#))
- An article on the [role of pollinators](#) in restoring nature in our cities.
- Recommendations from IEEP on [pollinator-friendly agriculture in the EU](#).
- Commissioner Timmermans fails for the time being to bring the future Common Agricultural Policy in line with the Green Deal, activists say. ([Politico](#), [Euractiv](#))
- France continues to question proposed environmental regulations under the future Common Agricultural Policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- The Portuguese Presidency wants to be able to conclude the negotiations on the common agricultural policy. ([Euractiv](#))
- European soy traders are not doing enough to prevent the impact of soy production on forests and other crucial ecosystems in the South. A [WWF report](#).
- Up to a third of the world's food production is potentially threatened by climate change. ([The Guardian](#))
- Europe's food systems should be reformed with a focus on the younger generations. ([Euractiv](#))
- A [magazine from ETUI](#) about workers in the food sector.
- Eurogroup for Animals on [Mercosur](#).
- A paper on [climate and migration](#).
- Climate disasters caused more internal displacement than war. So says a new report. ([The Guardian](#))

Activities

- 25/05 | Online | [Shaping the Future – Green Recovery for Sustainable Urban Mobility](#)
- 25/05 | Webinar | [Energy Efficiency First: Getting fit for climate and economic recovery](#)
- 25/05 | Webinar | [Meet the Leads: Circular Construction](#)
- 25/05 | Webinar | [Global Europe: Is the EU serious about engaging with Africa?](#)
- 25/05 | Webinar | [Corporate Sustainability Reporting: Setting an EU standard](#)
- 25/05 | Webinar | [Mental health, well-being and the environment](#)
- 25/05 | Online | [Supporting the global biodiversity agenda](#)
- 25/05 | Webinar | [Celsius Talk: Energy System Flexibility](#)
- 25-26/05 | Online | [2021 Energy Efficiency Finance Forum VIRTUAL](#)
- 25-27/05 | Online | [Innovate4Climate](#)
- 26/05 | Online | [Aligning Financial Portfolios with Biodiversity Goals](#)

- 26/05 | Webinar | [Biodiversity Conservation and modern data technologies](#)
- 26/05 | Webinar | [The European Green Deal: A Pathway to Net Zero](#)
- 26-28/05 | Online | [Product Lifetimes and the Environment \(PLATE\) Conference](#)
- 27/05 | Webinar | [Enabling a Circular Economy: How to encourage a viable agricultural market for nutrients recovered from biowaste](#)
- 27/05 | Webinar | [Mobility as a Service \(MaaS\) als hefboom naar duurzame mobiliteit - Le Mobility as a Service \(MaaS\) comme levier pour une mobilité durable](#)
- 27/05 | Webinar | [Life on a farm: Long-term sustainability through integrated pest management](#)
- 27/05 | Online | [European Green Infrastructure Day 2021](#)
- 27/05 | Online | [Climate Breakthroughs: The Road to COP26 and Beyond](#)
- 27/05 | Webinar | [Charging up the European Green Deal: the case for batteries \(open to externals\)](#)
- 27/05 | Webinar | [Impacts of the EU Green Deal Farm to Fork strategy](#)
- 27/05 | Webinar | [Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogue: Renovation Wave in Recovery and Resilience Plans](#)
- 27/05 | Online | [1st Farming Biodiversity Summit](#)
- 27/05 | Webinar | [Sustainable Energy Skills in the construction sector](#)
- 27/05 | Webinar | [The Future of Multiple Benefits for Investors: Accelerating Energy Renovation Investments](#)
- 30/05 | Webinar | [ENERGY 2021 - The Eleventh International Conference on Smart Grids, Green Communications and IT Energy-aware Technologies](#)
- 31/05 | Webinar | [Innovation pathways, strategies and policies for the low-carbon transition in Europe](#)
- 31/05 | Webinar | [Preparing Europe for Climate Change: Reinforcing climate adaptation in the regions and cities](#)
- 31/05 | Webinar | [Building on nature: Area-based conservation as a key tool for delivering SDGs](#)
- 31/05-04/06 | Online | [EU Green Week](#)
- 01/06 | Online | [Stronger Together: Accelerating the Circular Economy](#)
- 01/06 | Webinar | [Exploring the Relationship between Migration and Air Pollution in Europe](#)
- 01/06 | Online | [Waste Management: combining the circular economy with the zero-pollution ambition](#)
- 02/06 | Webinar | [Circular electronics - Product as a service in a circular economy](#)
- 02/06 | Webinar | [Workshop on the global dimension of textiles in a circular economy](#)
- 07/06 | Online | [The path to our industrial future: Updating the new industrial strategy](#)
- 07-09/06 | Online | [Efficient Buildings Digital Days #1](#)
- 08/06 | Webinar | [Streamlining Biodiversity in Companies' Decision Making](#)
- 08/06 | Webinar | [EU's Hydrogen Strategy: How Can We Achieve the 2030 Green Hydrogen Production Target?](#)
- 08-10/06 | Online | [Summit 21, Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#)
- 09-10/06 | Online | [PensionsEurope annual conference](#)
- 10/06 | Webinar | [Traceability across circular value chains: How to unlock its potential and mitigate challenges?](#)
- 15/06 | Webinar | [Financing Our Future – Financing A Global Green Deal](#)
- 15-16/06 | Online | [Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum: Energy efficiency finance market place](#)
- 15-17/06 | Online | [Efficient Buildings Digital Days #2](#)
- 15-17/06 | Online | [Circularity 21](#)

- 16/06 | Webinar | [Translating climate ambition into a just transition – what should we expect from business ?](#)
- 16/06 | Webinar | [Nexus, Digitalisation and Human Capital for a Green-Deal in Transboundary Waters](#)
- 17/06 | Online | [RawMaterials Summit 2021](#)
- 18/06 | Online | [The Trans-European Networks for Energy a Milestone Towards a Renewables-Powered EU](#)
- 21-23/06 | Online | [Healthy Buildings Europe 2021](#)
- 21-25/06 | [Transport and Climate Change Week](#)
- 21-25/06 | Online | [World Sustainable Energy Days 2021](#)
- 23/06 | Webinar | [Future of work – how has the COVID-19 pandemic re-shaped the agenda?](#)
- 23-25/06 | Online | [European Energy Efficiency Conference 2021](#)
- 24/06 | [International workshop ‘Urban climate resilience: the role of law’](#)
- 24/06 | Webinar | [Fit for purpose? The role of renewable fuels on the road to 2030 and beyond](#)
- 25/06 | Online | [Council Member roundtable on Transforming Urban Mobility](#)
- 29/06 | Online | [World Climate Forum EUROPE](#)
- 06/07 | Webinar | [The role of science in sustainable food and how to communicate it](#)
- 09/07 | Online | [The SDGs in time of crisis: A sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 as an opportunity to realize the SDGs](#)
- 12/07 | Webinar | [Recovery and sustainability – how can SMEs achieve both?](#)
- 19-20/07 | Online | [International Conference on Ecology, Biodiversity and Environment](#)
- 30/08-03/09 | Online | [Environmental litigation and compliance beyond the nation-state](#)
- 30/08-03/09 | Online | [„Natural“ boundaries of climate protection under EU Law – A clash of ecological interests](#)
- 08-09/09 | [International Conference on Sustainable Development](#)
- 08-10/09 | [ERSCP 2021 - European Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production](#)
- 28-30/09 | [29th EEAC Annual conference](#)
- 11-14/10 | [The European SDG Summit 2021](#)
- 03-05/11 | [Eurocities 2021 Leipzig: The power of cities – transforming society](#)
- 24-26/11 | [2nd International Conference on Circularity in the Built Environment](#)

Commission documents

- 26/05 | Guidance for strengthening the code of practice on disinformation
- 02/06 | European Semester Spring Package
- 08/06 | Draft General Budget 2022
- 16/06 | Lessons learnt from the COVID-19 crisis | Second stage consultation of social partners on improving the working conditions in platform work
- 30/06 | Revision of the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC | Long-term vision for rural areas | Communication in response to the European citizens’ initiative End the Cage Age
- 06/07 | Renewed sustainable finance strategy | Establishment of an EU green bond standard | Anti-money laundering legislative package

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