The European Green Deal

Striving to be the first climate-neutral continent

Climate change and environmental degradation are an existential threat to Europe and the world. To overcome these challenges, the European Green Deal will transform the EU into a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy, ensuring:

- no net emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050
- economic growth decoupled from resource use
- no person and no place left behind

The European Green Deal is also our lifeline out of the COVID-19 pandemic. **One third of the €1.8 trillion** investments from the NextGenerationEU Recovery Plan, and the EU's seven-year budget will finance the European Green Deal.

The European Commission has adopted a set of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, transport and taxation **policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030**, compared to 1990 levels. More information on Delivering the European Green Deal *(/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/delivering-european-green-deal_en)*.

Discover the European Green Deal visual story *(https://ec.europa.eu/stories/european-green-deal/)*

Highlight

Commission sets out key steps for managing climate risks to protect people and prosperity

12 March 2024 - The Commission has published a Communication on managing climate risks in Europe that sets out how the EU and its countries can implement policies that save lives, cut costs, and protect prosperity. It comes as a direct response to the first-ever European Climate Risk Assessment by the European Environment Agency. It also addresses the concerns that many Europeans have following last's year record temperatures and extreme weather events. The Commission is calling for action from all levels of government, the private sector and civil society to improve governance and tools for climate risk owners, manage risks across sectors and set the right preconditions to finance climate resilience.

Read more > *(https://commission.europa.eu/news/key-steps-manage-climate-risks-protect-people-and-prosperity-2024-03-12_en)*

Key figures

The first climate-neutral continent

by 2050

At least 55% less

net greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, compared to 1990 levels

3 billion

additional trees to be planted in the EU by 2030

Featured initiatives

REPowerEU *(/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/repowereu-affordable-secure-and-sustainable-energy-europe_en)*

The Green Deal Industrial Plan _(/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/ european-green-deal/green-deal-industrial-plan_en)_

EU action to address energy crisis _(/strategy-and-policy/ priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/eu-action-address-energy-crisis_en)_

What we are working on

Climate (/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/climate-action-and-green-deal_en)

Becoming the first climate neutral continent by 2050

Energy (/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/energy-and-green-deal_en)

A clean and efficient energy transition

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Protecting our biodiversity and ecosystems

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A healthy food system for people and the planet

Transport (/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/transport-and-green-deal_en)

Providing efficient, safe and environmentally friendly transport

Industry (/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/industry-and-green-deal_en)

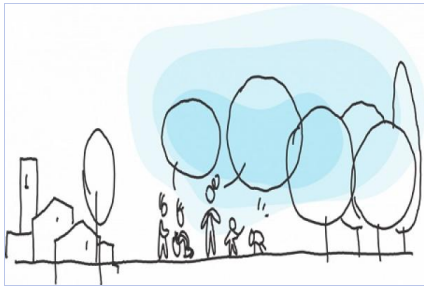An industrial strategy for a competitive, green and digital Europe

Research and innovation *(https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-2020-2024/environment-and-climate/european-green-deal_en)*

Its role in driving transformative change

Finance and regional development *(/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/finance-and-green-deal_en)*

Sustainable investments to deliver the European Green Deal

New European Bauhaus *(https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/index_en)*

A creative and interdisciplinary initiative that connects the European Green Deal to our living spaces and experiences

Timeline

- **28 May 2024**

  The EU and Australia sign partnership on sustainable critical and strategic minerals

- **27 May 2024**

  Adoption of the Net-Zero Industry Act and of the EU Regulation to reduce methane emissions in the energy sector

- **21 May 2024**

  Adoption of the electricity and gas market reforms and the new framework to boost the development of hydrogen

- **22 April 2024**

  The Commission defines principles on limiting most harmful chemicals to essential uses

- **13 April 2024**

  Entry into force of the Regulation on deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure

- **12 April 2024**

  Adoption of the strengthened [Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#)

- **10 April 2024**

  The [Commission takes stock of a series of Clean Transition Dialogues](#) on transforming Europe into a clean, resource-efficient, fair and competitive economy

- **5 April 2024**

  [Strategic partnership with Uzbekistan on critical raw materials](#)

- **27 March 2024**

  Entry into force of the [Directive on empowering consumers for the green transition](#)

- **21 March 2024**

  The EU and Norway sign [strategic partnership on sustainable land-based raw materials and battery value chains](#)

- **15 March 2024**

  Commission proposes [targeted review of Common Agricultural Policy](#) to support EU farmers

- **12 March 2024**

  Commission sets out [key steps for managing climate risks to protect people and prosperity](#)

- **11 March 2024**

  Entry into force of the [Regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases](#)

- **20 February 2024**

  Political agreement on the first [EU-wide certification scheme for carbon removals](#)

- **20 February 2024**

  Political agreement [on new air quality standards in the EU](#)

- **19 February 2024**

  The EU and Rwanda sign a [Memorandum of Understanding on Sustainable Raw Materials Value Chains](#)

- **16 February 2024**

  Political agreement on [tackling ship-source pollution to help make European seas cleaner](#)

- **8 February 2024**

  Political agreement to [ban all remaining intentional uses of toxic mercury in the EU](#)

- **6 February 2024**

  The Commission adopts an [EU Industrial Carbon Management Strategy](#), setting out how to sustainably capture, store and use CO_2

- **6 February 2024**

  The Commission presents [recommendation for 2040 emissions reduction target](#) to set the path to climate neutrality in 2050

- **6 February 2024**

  Political agreement on [the Net-Zero Industry Act](#)

- **2 February 2024**

  Political agreement on [common rules to promote the repair of goods for consumers](#)

- **29 January 2024**

  Political agreement on [more thorough and more cost-effective urban wastewater management](#)

- **25 January 2024**

  The Commission launches [Strategic dialogue on the future of EU agriculture](#)

- **18 January 2024**

  [Political agreement on strong EU targets to reduce CO2 emissions from new trucks and urban buses](#)

- **19 December 2023**

  Political agreement on [more sustainable and resilient trans-European transport network](#)

- **14 December 2023**

  Political agreement on [the reform of the EU's electricity market design](#)

- **8 December 2023**

  Political agreement on [updated EU rules to decarbonise the gas market and create a hydrogen market](#)

- **7 December 2023**

  Political agreement on [new rules to boost energy performance of buildings across the EU](#)

- **5 December 2023**

  Political agreement on [improving classification, labelling and packaging of hazardous chemicals](#)

- **2 December 2023**

COP28: President of the Commission Ursula von der Leyen launches Global Pledge on Renewables and Energy Efficiency

- **29 November 2023**

  Political agreement on modernising management of industrial emissions

- **28 November 2023**

  The Commission sets out actions to accelerate the roll-out of electricity grids

- **22 November 2023**

  The Commission proposes a new forest monitoring law that aims to improve resilience of European forests

- **24 October 2023**

  The Commission presents the European Wind Power Action Plan

- **9 October 2023**

  With the adoption of the last two proposals, the Fit for 55 package *(https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/delivering-european-green-deal_en)* of measures to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels is now complete. The EU now has legally binding climate targets covering all key sectors of the economy

- **1 October 2023**

  Enter into application of the transitional phase of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

- **13 July 2023**

  Presentation of an initiative to enhance the circularity of the automotive sector, covering the design, production and end-of-life treatment of vehicles

- **11 July 2023**

  Presentation of measures to make freight transport more efficient and sustainable, by improving rail infrastructure management, offering stronger incentives for low-emission lorries, and better information on freight transport greenhouse gas emissions

- **5 July 2023**

  The Commission presents a package of measures for a sustainable use of key natural resources – to help soil resilience, increase the sustainability and resilience of our food systems, improving plant and forest reproductive material and reducing food and textile waste

- **16 June 2023**

  Proposal for a revision of the Energy Labelling Regulation, to help consumers make

informed and sustainable choices when purchasing mobile and cordless phones and tablets

- **26 April 2023**

  The European Parliament and the Council reach a political agreement on the [ReFuelEU Aviation proposal](#)

- **25 April 2023**

  'Fit for 55': Council adopts [key pieces of legislation](#) delivering on 2030 climate targets

- **25 April 2023**

  EU Energy Platform: Commission launches [first call](#) for companies to jointly buy gas

- **21 April 2023**

  The Commission proposes to [revise the existing marketing standards of agri-food products](#)

- **28 March 2023**

  Ambitious [new law](#) agreed to deploy sufficient alternative fuels infrastructure

- **23 March 2023**

  Agreement reached on [cutting maritime transport emissions](#) by promoting sustainable fuels for shipping

- **22 March 2023**

  [Consumer protection](#): enabling sustainable choices and ending greenwashing

- **22 March 2023**

  Right to repair: the Commission adopts a [new proposal on common rules promoting the repair of goods](#)

- **16 March 2023**

  The Commission proposes the [Critical Raw Materials Act](#)

- **16 March 2023**

  The Commission proposes the [Net-Zero Industry Act](#)

- **16 March 2023**

  The Commission launches the [New European Bauhaus capacity-building programme for the reconstruction of Ukraine](#)

- **14 March 2023**

  The [Commission proposes reform of the EU electricity market design](#) to boost

renewables, better protect consumers and enhance industrial competitiveness

- **10 March 2023**

  The EU agrees stronger rules to boost energy efficiency

- **21 February 2023**

  The Commission is presenting a package of measures to improve the sustainability and resilience of the EU's fisheries and aquaculture sector.

- **14 February 2023**

  The Commission proposes 2030 zero-emissions target for new city buses and 90% emissions reductions for new trucks by 2040

- **13 February 2023**

  The Commission sets out rules for renewable hydrogen

- **1 February 2023**

  The Commission presents a Green Deal Industrial Plan *(https://ec.europa.eu/commission/ presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_510)* to enhance the competitiveness of Europe's net-zero industry and support the fast transition to climate neutrality

- **24 January 2023**

  Presentation of a 'A New Deal for Pollinators' to tackle the alarming decline in wild pollinating insects in Europe

- **18 December 2022**

  EU agrees to strengthen and expand emissions trading, and creates a Social Climate Fund to help people in the transition

- **9 December 2022**

  New rules on applying the EU emissions trading system in the aviation sector

- **6 December 2022**

  EU agrees law to fight global deforestation and forest degradation driven by EU production and consumption

- **30 November 2022**

  Circular Economy: Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation

  Proposal for a first EU-wide voluntary framework to reliably certify high-quality carbon removals

- **15 November 2022**

  EU Algae Initiative

- **10 November 2022**

  [Proposal for new Euro 7 standards to reduce pollutant emissions from vehicles and improve air quality](#)

  [Biodiversity: Stronger measures against wildlife trafficking](#)

- **27 October 2022**

  The Council and the European Parliament reach a provisional political agreement on stricter CO2 emission performance standards for new cars and vans

- **26 October 2022**

  Commission proposes [stronger rules for cleaner air and water](#)

- **15 September 2022**

  Proposal for an [emergency market intervention](#) to reduce energy bills for Europeans

- **20 July 2022**

  '[Save gas for a safe winter](#)' proposal

- **22 June 2022**

  [Nature protection package](#)

- **18 May 2022**

  [REPowerEU plan](#): affordable, secure and sustainable energy for Europe

- **22 April 2022**

  The European Commission joins the European Climate Pact and pledges to make its operations climate neutral by 2030

- **5 April 2022**

  [Proposals to phase down fluorinated greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances](#)

- **5 April 2022**

  [Proposals to modernise EU industrial emissions rules to steer large industry in long-term green transition](#)

- **30 March 2022**

  [Proposals to make sustainable products the norm in the EU, boost circular business models and empower consumers for the green transition](#)

- **23 March 2022**

  [Options to mitigate high energy prices with common gas purchases and minimum gas storage obligations](#)

- **8 March 2022**

  REPowerEU: Joint European action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy

- **15 December 2021**

  Proposal of a new EU framework to decarbonise gas markets, promote hydrogen and reduce methane emissions

- **15 December 2021**

  Commission proposals to remove, recycle and sustainably store carbon

- **14 December 2021**

  New transport proposals target greater efficiency and more sustainable travel

- **17 November 2021**

  Proposals to stop deforestation, innovate sustainable waste management and make soils healthy

- **15 September 2021**

  New European Bauhaus: new actions and funding

- **14 July 2021**

  Delivering the European Green Deal

- **17 May 2021**

  Sustainable blue economy

- **12 May 2021**

  Zero pollution Action Plan

- **25 March 2021**

  Organic Action Plan

- **24 February 2021**

  New EU strategy on adaptation to climate change

- **18 January 2021**

  New European Bauhaus

- **10 December 2020**

  European Battery Alliance

- **9 December 2020**

European Climate Pact

- **19 November 2020**

  Offshore renewable energy

- **14 October 2020**

  Renovation wave

  Methane Strategy

  Chemicals strategy for sustainability

- **17 September 2020**

  Presentation of the 2030 Climate Target Plan

- **8 July 2020**

  Adoption of the EU strategies for energy system integration and hydrogen to pave the way towards a fully decarbonised, more efficient and interconnected energy sector

- **20 May 2020**

  Presentation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 to protect the fragile natural resources on our planet

  Presentation of the 'Farm to fork strategy' to make food systems more sustainable

- **11 March 2020**

  Proposal of a Circular Economy Action Plan focusing on sustainable resource use

- **10 March 2020**

  Adoption of the European Industrial Strategy, a plan for a future-ready economy

- **4 March 2020**

  Proposal for a European climate law to ensure a climate neutral European Union by 2050

  Public consultation (open until 17 June 2020) on the European Climate Pact bringing together regions, local communities, civil society, businesses and schools

- **14 January 2020**

  Presentation of the European Green Deal Investment Plan and the Just Transition Mechanism

- **11 December 2019**

  Presentation of the European Green Deal

Featured

Zero Pollution PackageZero Pollution Package

The 3 Billion Trees PledgeThe 3 Billion Trees Pledge

Latest

19 July 2024

EU and Serbia sign strategic partnership on sustainable raw materials, battery value chains and electric vehicles *(https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_24_3922)*

1 July 2024

Keynote speech by Executive Vice-President Šefčovič at the Jacques Delors Agora event *(https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/SPEECH_24_3585)*

24 June 2024

EU invests close to €3 billion of emissions trading revenues for cleaner energy systems in 10 EU countries via the Modernisation Fund *(https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_24_3436)*

17 June 2024

Opening remarks by Commissioners Sinkevičius and Hoekstra at the Environment Council press conference *(https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/SPEECH_24_3349)*

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Documents

Factsheet | 14 July 2021

Delivering the European Green Deal *(/publications/delivering-european-green-deal_en)*

Factsheets on Delivering the European Green Deal

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A clear and complete repository of the thematic areas that are shaping the European Green Deal

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