



What's New?

- ✓ The [EU- AU Africa Summit](#) took place on 17 and 18 February. An **Investment Package of EUR 150 billion** will help build more diversified, inclusive, sustainable and resilient economies
- ✓ On 22 February 2022, the [Ministerial Forum for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific](#) was organised following the adoption, in September 2021, of the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. It highlighted the shared ambition to promote the development of the region through cooperation and solidarity actions building on our shared commitments including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate change and the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD).
- ✓ The [One Ocean Summit](#) took place on 9-10 February to raise collective ambitions on marine issues. President **von der Leyen** announced 3 initiatives: a new international coalition to protect biodiversity on high seas; a major computing project allowing researchers to digitally simulate the world's oceans; and the EU's research mission to restore our ocean and waters by 2030.
- ✓ French Minister [Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne](#) (Minister Delegate for Tourism, French Nationals Abroad and Francophonie) presented in DEVE [the priorities of the French Presidency](#) in the humanitarian and development areas mainly in relations to the climate and biodiversity, social, and digital agendas.
- ✓ The UN General Assembly has designated [2022 the International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development](#), to increase awareness of the importance of conserving and sustainably using mountain ecosystems.
- ✓ EIB President Werner Hoyer joins EU and Eastern Neighbourhood heads of state to [pledge support for economic development and sustainable recovery in Eastern Partnership countries](#). The EIB signed some of the first investments: a total of €171 million, combining EIB loans and EU grants for Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine to boost digitalisation, energy efficiency and climate action, as well as education.
- ✓ [The ninth U.S.-EU Energy Council](#): on February 7th, emphasised that accelerating the just energy transition to a net-zero future will support the mitigation of energy market fluctuations and facilitate access to affordable and reliable energy.

EU Policy Developments

NEW

- On 2nd February, [the Commission presented a Taxonomy Complementary Climate Delegated Act](#) including, under strict conditions, specific nuclear and gas energy activities. The decision follows consultations with experts and stakeholders and will help accelerate the shift from solid or liquid fossil fuels, including coal, towards a climate-neutral future.

- On 17th January, the [Commission proposed](#) that ‘**learning for environmental sustainability**’ should be at the heart of EU education and training systems. The Commission aims to support Member States, schools, higher education institutions, NGOs and all education providers in boosting people's skills and competences for a greener and more sustainable future.
- The Commission adopted on December 15th, 2021 a [comprehensive package of proposals on energy and climate action](#), which are key to implementing the European Green Deal and achieving climate neutrality by 2050:
 - [Proposal for a revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#)
 - [Proposal for a revision of the gas and hydrogen markets Directive](#)
 - [Proposal for a revision of the gas and hydrogen markets Regulation](#)
 - [Proposal for a Regulation on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector](#)
 - [Communication on sustainable carbon cycles](#)
 - [Proposal for a Council Recommendation on a fair transition to climate neutrality](#)
- The Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection [of the environment through criminal law](#) was adopted on December 15th, 2021. The new directive aims notably to improve the effectiveness of investigations and prosecution, ensure effective, dissuasive and proportionate sanctions and foster cross-border investigation and prosecution.
- **Goodbye E171: the EU bans titanium dioxide as food additive.** [The new decision](#) as of January 8th 2022 will apply after a six-month transition period. Titanium dioxide is primarily used as a colorant to impart white colour to many foods, from baked goods and sandwich spreads to soups, broths, sauces, salad dressing and food supplements.



- New regulations and strategies are still expected this quarter:
 - [New Sustainable Products Initiative](#): this initiative, which will revise the Ecodesign Directive and propose additional legislative measures as appropriate, aims to make products placed on the EU market more sustainable. Consumers, the environment and the climate will benefit from products that are more durable, reusable, repairable, recyclable, and energy-efficient.
 - [New strategy on international energy engagement](#): The EU will reshape its energy diplomacy for global access to sustainable, affordable and secure energy supplies under changing circumstances.
 - [Joint Communication on international ocean governance](#)
 - [Zero pollution package](#): with initiative on labelling and packaging, on integrated water management, and on air quality.
 - [Circular economy package](#): texts in preparation (Right to repair, restrictions on micro plastics)
 - [Sustainable use of pesticides](#): revision of EU rules as a follow up of the Farm to fork strategy.

New Reports

- [Europe Sustainable Development Report 2021](#): the third edition of our independent quantitative report on the progress of the European Union and its member states towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This edition has a special focus on countries' National Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRPs) and the transformation of the EU food system.

- **Copernicus annual findings:** globally, the last seven years were the seven warmest on record by a clear margin. This is the main conclusion from the Copernicus Climate Change Service's annual findings. The findings show that carbon dioxide and methane concentrations continue to rise, and Europe experienced a summer of extremes.
- **"The State of Food and Agriculture 2021: Making agriFood systems more resilient to shocks and stresses"** published in December by the FAO analyses the vulnerabilities of food supply chains and how rural households cope with risks and shocks. It offers guidance on policies to enhance food supply chain resilience, support livelihoods in the agri-food system and, in the face of disruption, ensure sustainable access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to all.
- **Zeroing in on Ending Hunger: Perspectives on the challenges, priorities, and critical next steps.** A new report from Action Against Hunger, in partnership with Devex, offers a rare window into the development community's current thinking on the topic, including practical proposals for what should change.
- **Corporate Climate Responsibility Monitor 2022:** Assessing the transparency and integrity of companies' emission reduction and net-zero targets. The Corporate Climate Responsibility Monitor, conducted by New Climate Institute in collaboration with Carbon Market Watch, assesses the climate strategies of 25 major global companies. It critically analyses the extent to which they demonstrate corporate climate leadership.
- **Study on the involvement of the private sector in financing climate adaptation actions.** Private sector finance has a critical role to play in enabling effective adaptation in developing countries. The study, commissioned by INTPA, assesses how the EU can leverage more private sector finance in adaptation and support partner countries in creating a commercial business environment that stimulates private sector investment in adaptation action. Contact INTPA-F1@ec.europa.eu to get your copy!

Calendar

COMING
SOON



- **28 February- 2 March:** [UNEA 5](#) - Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals
- **28 February:** [Middle East and North Africa Regional Climate Week](#)
- **3 March:** [World Wildlife Day](#)
- **3-4 March:** [UNEP@50](#)
- **14-15 March:** [Energy transitions 2022 by Chatham House](#)
- **15 March:** [Strengthening the business case for industrial decarbonisation](#), EP
- **21-26 March:** [9th World Water Forum](#) in Dakar, Senegal
- **21 March:** [International Day of Forests](#)
- **22 March:** [World Water Day](#)
- **23 March:** [World Meteorological Day](#) with the 2022 theme on Early Warning Early Action
- **22 April:** [Earth Day](#)
- **25 April - 8 May:** second part of the [UN Biodiversity Conference](#) (COP 15), Kunming, China (TBC)
- **2 May:** FAO [XV World Forestry Congress](#) in South Korea
- **9 May:** [15th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification \(UNCCD COP 15\)](#) in Côte d'Ivoire
- **9 May:** [UN Forum on Forests – 17th session](#) - New York
- **22 May:** [International day for biological diversity](#)
- **23-28 May:** [Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction \(GP2022\)](#), including the Fifth Edition of the World Reconstruction Conference (WRC5) and the Third Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWC-III)
- **2-3 June:** international meeting ["Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity"](#), convened by the UN General Assembly and to be hosted by Sweden, with the support of Kenya.
- **5 June:** [World Environment Day](#)

- **6-16 June:** UNFCCC intersessional negotiation round
- **8 June:** [World Oceans Day](#)
- **27 June-1 July:** [UN Oceans Conference](#)

Training and e-learning

Trainings, webinars, e-learning

- EU Policymaking Hub e-talk : [‘Sustainable Finance: how to channel private finance towards the European Green Deal objectives?’](#) with John Berrigan, Director General, DG FISMA. The talk also focused on the EU international cooperation approach on sustainable finance, following up on the COP26 in Glasgow.
- Online event [“Delivering on the European Green Deal: What’s in the winter package for energy?”](#), policy briefing by Stefano Grassi, Head of Cabinet of European Commissioner for Energy.
- If you did not have the opportunity to follow them in November and December, presentations made at the webinars on **"Greening EU Cooperation"** are still available for the following topics:
 - [Webinar N° 1: Integrated Landscape management can make a difference to a green and just transition](#)
 - [Webinar N° 2: Green & Sustainable cities](#)
 - [Webinar N° 3: Updates on Green Deal policy developments](#)
 - [Webinar N° 4: Greening budget and greening public finance management](#)
 - [Webinar N° 5: Tracking climate and biodiversity funding – how to use Rio markers?](#)
- [Agroecology in the 2021-2027 Multi-annual Financial Framework](#): **Webinar on the role of agroecology to achieve the Green Deal objectives** and boost and diversify food production, enhance food and nutrition security, contribute to fairer value chains, encourage circular economy, preserve soil, land and water biodiversity, mitigate negative climate change effects and protect the environment.
- **Devex has launched [WASH Works](#)**, a series exploring how access to water, sanitation, and hygiene affects numerous other SDGs.
- Interinstitutional **EMAS Days 2022** online, you can register via EU Learn:
 - Session 1: [Climate neutrality strategies and action plans](#) on 1 February
 - Session 2: [Sustainability of EU buildings](#) on 2 February

Tools available

- New Mainstreaming Facility: the **Greening EU Cooperation Facility** is the continuation of the existing Mainstreaming Facility and can be contacted by DG INTPA and DG NEAR units at INTPA-GREENING-FACILITY@ec.europa.eu | NEAR-GREENING-FACILITY@ec.europa.eu. The Facility has a team of specialists who can provide remote and on-site assistance, in response to demands from EU staff and partner countries' stakeholders, to support the integration of environment and climate change dimensions in all phases of the cycle of operations.¹
- **Team Europe Initiatives (TEIs) and Joint Programming (JP) Tracker** for each partner country, you can see information on the TEIs and joint programming process being pursued, participating Team Europe

¹ The main services of the Facility cover awareness raising and communication (incl. on Capacity4Dev website), technical support to EUDEL, training on greening EU development cooperation, screening and reviewing Action Documents in priority sectors submitted to QRG (priority sectors for mainstreaming are: (i) agriculture, food/nutrition security and rural development, (ii) energy, (iii) private sector development and employment, (iv) transport and infrastructure and (v) water and sanitation and urban development).

Members, and any supporting information, such as joint programming documents and ODA infographics. You can also find aggregated information on TEIs and JP across regions by exploring the dashboards.

- ✓ **Three new "Quick Tips" guides are available in our capacity4dev group on environment, climate change and green economy:** The 'Quick Tips: [Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction, Environmental and Climate Change Action at Sector Level](#)', The 'Quick Tips: [Integrating the Environment and Climate Change in Water Resources Management](#)', and The 'Quick Tips: [Integrating the Environment and Climate Change in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene \(WASH\)](#)' (To see all quick tips : [Quick tips to integrate environment and climate change into key sectors | Capacity4dev \(europa.eu\)](#))
- ✓ The Joint Research Centre has published a [new European competence framework on sustainability](#) for lifelong learning. GreenComp provides a common ground to learners and educators on what sustainability as a competence entails.

Green (Deal) tip #8 – Get Inspired!

- ✓ **The Solar Impulse Foundation has identified [1000 solutions](#)** to address environmental challenges without compromising economic growth, to help political and economic decision-makers achieve their carbon neutrality objectives. The solutions can be found by sector, by target client, by application, by environmental benefits, by company names and by tags.
- ✓ To get inspired, you can [read the stories](#) of historically marginalized and disadvantaged communities that are at the forefront of the environmental crisis.
- ✓ Participate in eco-friendly and nature-oriented events. Getting involved in a local environmental action is a great way to connect with your community and improve the environment around you.
 - Join a local environmental group in [a river clean up right here in Brussels](#)
 - Participate on the [Green Collection](#) here at INTPA.