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1. Institutional agenda

EU Meetings of the week		
European Parliament		
28 May	ITRE Committee	Agenda not available
28 May	ENVI Committee	The European Climate Law will be debated, and there will be a Joint Committee Procedure (Rule 58) of ECON, ENVI on its draft recommendation
Council of the EU		
25 May	Working party on the Environment	The Working Party will discuss the proposal for the European Climate Law



2. News of the week

Open consultation on the European Green Deal Call launched – European Commission

The Commission has opened a public consultation on the next European Green Deal call, under Horizon 2020. The call, divided in 11 areas, aims at increasing research and innovation contributions to the objective of carbon neutrality by 2050. In the ideas of the Commission, “projects are expected to deliver tangible and visible results relatively quickly” in many different fields. The deadline to submit feedbacks is 3 June 2020.

More info [here](#)

New consultation on the Trans-European Energy Infrastructure open – European Commission

As underlined in the Green Deal, smart infrastructure will be crucial for the energy transition envisaged by 2050. In this regard, the Commission intends to revise the EU regulatory framework for energy infrastructure. This revision of the TEN-E Regulation should address the integration of renewable energy in the European energy system by putting the energy efficiency first principle into practice. The deadline to send a feedback is 13 July 2020.

The consultation is online [here](#)

Leaked draft of the “green” recovery fund features shows focus on renewables, renovation wave – Euractiv

A leaked draft emerged regarding the “green” features that should supplement the much-promised EU Recovery Fund. Among these, high importance is put on building renovation, considered crucial by the Commission to cut GHG emission in EU countries. As the document states, the plans include a “European Renovation Financing Facility” intending to raise €350 billion in investment per year. Turning to renewable energy, the document mentions a scheme to finance new renewable electricity projects, increased support to national schemes for renewables and a doubling of the funding available to research in the field of clean hydrogen.

More info [here](#)

Country-specific recommendations reiterate how green measures will need to be powerfully addressed in the aftermath of Coronavirus – European Commission

In the framework of the European Semester Package, the Commission has released a set of country-specific recommendations (CSRs) for the 27 EU members, plus the UK, regarding the economic measures to be adopted in the next period. The CSRs suggest that focus should be put on health-related aspects, while medium-term reforms and investments should prioritise sustainable and inclusive growth, integrating the green transition and the digital transformation.

All recommendations are available [here](#)

The European Investment Bank seeks to boost spending on batteries-related projects – Science|Business

During a meeting with Commission VP Maroš Šefčovič, the EIB vice-president Andrew McDowell has announced the institution’s intention to increase substantially investments in battery projects. The investments, aiming to reach over €1 billion, will be channelled via the



European Batteries Alliance and should make the EU the second largest storage capacity producer, behind China.

More info [here](#)

First estimates foresee a reduction in emissions between 4 and 7% points in 2020 – Politico.eu

The first peer-reviewed study focusing on the reduction of emissions shows that Covid-19 led to widespread decrease of GHG emissions, projecting a fall of 4 to 7% from 2019 levels. Scientists, however, warn about the possible rebound effect once the economy will be functioning in full speed again. The primary example of this is 2009, right in the midst of the economic recession, which provoked a decrease in emissions only to see a consequent rise by 5% the year after. The actions of policymakers in the next months will be then fundamental to keep the world on track with the goals of the Paris Agreements.

More info [here](#)

3. Other events

Other Events and Conferences			
Organisation	Title	Date and Time	Venue/Location
European Commission and Covenant of Mayors - Europe Office	Citizen Finance: people investing in their cities' sustainable future	9 June 2020, 10:00 to 11:30, registrations open here	Online
EUROBAT	"Battery Innovation Roadmap 2030"	5 June 2020, 10:00 to 11:30, registrations open here	Online

