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1. Institutional agenda

EU Meetings of the week		
European Parliament		
25 June	ENVI Committee	Agenda not available
Council of the EU		
23 June	Video conference of environment ministers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recovery from the COVID-19 crisis • The German presidency will present its work programme in the field of environment
25 June	Working Party on Research	Agenda not available
25 June	Working Party on Energy	Agenda not available
25 June	Working Party on the Environment	Agenda not available



2. News of the week

Deadline extended for the “renovation wave” public consultation – European Commission

You can now give your feedback on the strategy for energy efficiency in buildings until the 8 July 2020. The “renovation wave”, a key piece of the European Green Deal, aims at the optimisation of building in Europe, which are currently responsible for 40% of our energy consumption and 36% of greenhouse gas emissions.

Give your feedback [here](#)

Leaked document of the Hydrogen strategy published – Euractiv

The European Commission is ready to share its strategy for accelerating the development of Hydrogen, on the 8th of July, but a draft document has been leaked this week. The document is an early-stage draft, but already provides some important insights on the priorities of the Commission. In particular, one of the main objectives is to drive the prices of hydrogen down to a competitive €1-2 per kilo, which would make hydrogen a serious alternative in many sectors, e.g. aviation, fuels, and industry.

More info [here](#)

After EU Taxonomy approval, the Commission is now looking for expert advisory – European Commission

The European Parliament has approved the Council proposal on the EU Taxonomy. The Taxonomy will work a system to classify projects based on their impact on the environment, encouraging investors to increase spending in economic activities with a positive environmental footprint. In parallel, the Commission has opened applications for experts to become part of the Platform on Sustainable Finance, which will work as an advisory board to the implementation of the taxonomy.

More info on the EU Taxonomy and the application process [here](#)

Commissioner Maryia Gabriel warns about delay in budget talks, encourages collaboration among programmes – Science|Business

During a meeting with the ITRE Committee (Industry, Technology, Research and Energy) at the European Parliament, Commissioner Maryia Gabriel advocated for more synergies between programmes like Horizon Europe, the European Regional and Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund. The Commissioner said that her unit is planning to ensure that a portion of the other EU funds can be directed to Horizon Europe proposals, in an attempt to increase the available funding for R&I. However, Gabriel warned, if an agreement on the budget will not be reached in the next months it will be hard to implement impactful actions.

More info [here](#)

IEA proposes a Sustainable Recovery Plan for the global energy sector – International Energy Agency

The plan, focusing specifically on the timeframe 2021-23, puts forward suggestions for actions in key sectors, among other electricity, buildings, and low-carbon technologies. The plan aims



to guide investments in the energy sector and to provide policymakers with sound recommendations that will drive job creation and economic growth. The document contains detailed analysis of various specific sectors, such as batteries, hydrogen, hydropower and grids.

You can download the report [here](#) (registration free of charge is requested)

Power sector leads the way in renewables uptake, transport and heating lag behind – Ren21

This is one of the main findings of the latest Ren21 “Renewables 2020 - Global Status Report”. As of 2019, installed power capacity increased by more than 200 gigawatts, the largest growth to date, with cost reductions driving a record amount of renewable power capacity purchases. However, insufficient policy support and slow developments in new technologies resulted in the overall share of renewables accounting for an estimated 11% of final energy consumption, a modest increase from the 9.6% of 2013. Renewable energy represents today 26.4% of the total final consumption in the power sector, while only 3.3% in transport and 10.1% in heating and cooling.

More info [here](#)

Goldman Sachs predicts spending in renewables will surpass oil and gas spending in 2021 – Business Insider

Analysts of the bank foresee a \$16 trillion investment opportunity in green energies by 2030, mainly caused by increased spending in renewable energy. These are now considered to be more mature and ready to be employed at large scale through energy systems. In the projections, already in 2021 investments in green energies will account for around 25% of the entire energy sector spending, passing investments in oil and gas for the first time in history.

More info [here](#)



3. Other events

Other Events and Conferences			
Organisation	Title	Date and Time	Venue/Location
IEA	5th Annual Global Conference on Energy Efficiency	23 June 2020, 08:00 to 20:30 registrations open here	Online
European Commission	EU Sustainable Energy Week	22-23-24-25-26 June 2020, registrations open here	Online
Energy Commission, DG ENER	Powering the SET Plan for the European Green Recovery	26 June 2020, 10:00 to 11:30, registrations open here	Online
ETIP SNET	Webinar on “Flexible generation in a low-carbon RES dominated energy system”	30 June 2020, 15.00 to 16.30, registrations open here	Online
E.DSO and ENTSO-E	InnoGrid 2020+	30 June 2020, 11:00 to 13:00 CET, registrations open here	Online
European Commission	Launch of the Just Transition Platform	29-30 June, 1-2-3 July 2020, registrations open here	Online
E3G	London Climate Action Week	1-2-3 July 2020, registrations open here	Online

