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ENERGY

[Force energy companies to insulate UK homes, climate advisers say](#)

The Guardian

Committee on Climate Change says making energy companies to insulate empty lofts and walls would cut national emissions.

[UK must not support World Bank's 'dirty' power subsidies, say MPs](#)

The Guardian

Britain contributes more than £2bn a year to the bank, which heavily funds fossil fuel power projects in the developing world.

[Smart meter savings 'uncertain' says audit office](#)

BBC News

Uncertainty surrounds the extent to which householders will change their behaviour when new smart meters are introduced, a report has concluded.

[Renewables boom could strain Germany's grid](#)

Reuters

An uncontrolled renewable power expansion in Germany could threaten the stability of energy grids, the head of energy agency Dena told Reuters on Wednesday.

[Next thing in wind energy: stealth turbines](#)

Reuters

Wind turbines that do not interfere with radar systems used by aircraft may soon become a commercially viable option for the wind energy industry, Danish turbine manufacturer Vestas said on Wednesday.

[Clean energy innovations boost economy: Google](#)

Reuters

Breakthroughs in clean energy technology could boost the U.S. economy by more than \$155 billion a year and create more than 1.1 million new jobs by 2030, Google said in a report on Tuesday.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

[Towards harmonised environmental information in Europe: have your say on standards that will affect everybody's life](#)

EU

Arranging a cross border emergency rescue, preventing major environmental damage or comparing energy consumption of buildings in different countries will soon be faster and easier thanks to improved data sharing in the EU.

With INSPIRE – Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe – the European Union is creating a common standard to make environmental information quickly and easily accessible. This will translate into clear benefits for European citizens, ranging from improved emergency services to a healthier everyday environment. Common standards will help to cut costs and improve the basis for decision making at all levels. Views are now being sought on the suitability of the proposed standards.

[Refunds, recycling and other eco-actions at Roskilde](#)

The Independent

The Roskilde music festival, one of Europe's largest, is expected to attract upwards of 80,000 fans and feature 180 bands. Attendees at this year's event are being encouraged to partake in a number of eco-initiatives running as part of the festival's ongoing commitment to the environment.

BIODIVERSITY

[Forests in danger as study warns UN funding is unlikely](#)

The Guardian

Redd funding would rely on public sector and most governments unwilling to spend more on overseas development.

[Green wall may keep the sand out](#)

Senegalese village will be first step in effort to grow 15km-wide nature reserve along the more than 500km border with the Sahel.

[Valuing ecosystem services: From 'reversing entropy' to the price of voles](#)

The Guardian

The Smith School world forum at Oxford University aims to tackle a big question: how can nature be valued so its worth – of all kinds – stops being lost.

[Valuing ecosystems 2: OECD to put green factors into economic analyses](#)

The Guardian

GDP measures economic activity, but not the worth of that activity. Putting environmental factors into top level judgments of national economies is a big step towards sustainability.

[Millions of tonnes of wood being wasted every year](#)

The Telegraph

At least two million tonnes of unused woodfuel supplies a year could be used to heat rural schools, businesses and other buildings, the Forestry Commission has said.

CLIMATE CHANGE

[Climate change: CO2 emissions from new cars continue steep descent in 2010](#)

EU

Average CO2 emissions from new cars in the EU dropped by almost 4% last year, the second biggest annual fall ever recorded, a database published today by the European Environment Agency shows.

[Reducing greenhouse gases from ships: time is ticking away](#)

EU

European Commission Vice-President Siim Kallas and Climate Action Commissioner Connie Hedegaard are meeting today with the shipping industry, Member States and the European Parliament to discuss how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from shipping in the short, medium and long term. In particular, they will look at how international negotiations can be moved forward.

[Global maritime carbon deal dead in the water](#)

EurActiv

EU officials believe that a global deal to cut maritime carbon emissions is currently unachievable and are instead talking up an initiative by the Bahamas to regulate the world's shipping fleets as an alternative.

[David Cameron must speak out on climate change, says top scientist](#)

The Guardian

Sir David King, a former chief scientific adviser, writes in the Guardian to urge prime minister to fill 'leadership vacuum'.

[Climate sceptic Willie Soon received \\$1m from oil companies, papers show](#)

The Guardian

Documents obtained by Greenpeace show prominent opponent of climate change was funded by ExxonMobil, among others.

[Why Bangladesh doesn't want climate adaptation loans](#)

The Guardian

By pushing climate loans, the UK and the World Bank are making people in poor countries pay twice for climate change – even though we played almost no part in causing the problem.

[Emissions 'need to fall quicker'](#)

BBC News

The UK's greenhouse gas emissions are not falling fast enough to meet government targets, say the Committee on Climate Change.

[Greenland ice melts most in half-century: US](#)

AFP

Greenland's ice sheet melted the most it has in over a half century last year, US government scientists said Tuesday in one of a series of "unmistakable" signs of climate change.

[Global warming continues as greenhouse gas grows](#)

Associated Press

The world's climate is not only continuing to warm, it is also adding heat-trapping greenhouse gases even faster than in the past, researchers said Tuesday.

[Australia closes in on carbon deal](#)

Reuters

Australia's government, fighting a slump in popularity over plans to price carbon, said on Thursday it was determined to start emissions trading as soon as possible after reports it had agreed on a 2015 deadline to switch from a carbon tax.

[California proposes delaying carbon market a year](#)

Reuters

California's top climate change regulator on Wednesday said that the state planned to delay the start of a market for greenhouse gases by one year until 2013 but would not change emissions targets.

[2010, deuxième année la plus chaude depuis la fin du XIXe siècle](#)

Le Monde

L'année dernière, la température terrestre moyenne a été d'environ 0,62 °C plus élevée que la moyenne du XXe siècle.

WATER

[Fresh water supplies are going to run out, so what can do to make the taps keep running?](#)

The Independent

How we manage the rest of this precious resource will dictate the planet's future.

[China told to reduce food production or face 'dire' water levels](#)

The Guardian

Food must be imported and water use tightly regulated to protect dwindling supply, a leading groundwater expert has warned.

[Corne de l'Afrique : 10 millions d'habitants frappés par la sécheresse](#)

Le Monde

Selon les données de l'ONU, la sécheresse touche notamment 3,2 millions de personnes au Kenya, 2,6 millions en Somalie, 3,2 millions en Ethiopie et 117 000 à Djibouti.

