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# Road to Glasgow

Looking ahead to the UK's first UN climate summit



Welcome to the twentieth edition of Road to Glasgow and to the first edition of 2021 - an incredibly important year for climate action.

Last week saw the inauguration of President Joe Biden and with it, a new wave of hope to the international climate landscape. President Biden began enacting his climate campaign moments after he was sworn in with the signing of several significant executive actions, including the re-application to join the Paris Agreement, a move which will come into force in 30 days. Many world leaders welcomed the announcement, including Boris Johnson who used his first call with the President to discuss climate change, among other issues.

There are further signs that President Biden seeks to secure the US's position as a global leader on climate change: later today, the Biden Administration is expected to reveal its plans to host world leaders at a climate summit on Earth Day, April 22, and to unveil a series of substantial domestic measures aimed at reducing emissions.

President Biden's advances on the climate agenda on day one of the job were notable, and by the time the COP26 climate summit arrives in November later this year the impact could be transformative. But what does the US's return to the international climate table mean for the UK? And what does it mean for climate policy now that the Democrats have control of the Senate? In this edition, you will find a new ECIU briefing and infographic shedding light on these topics.

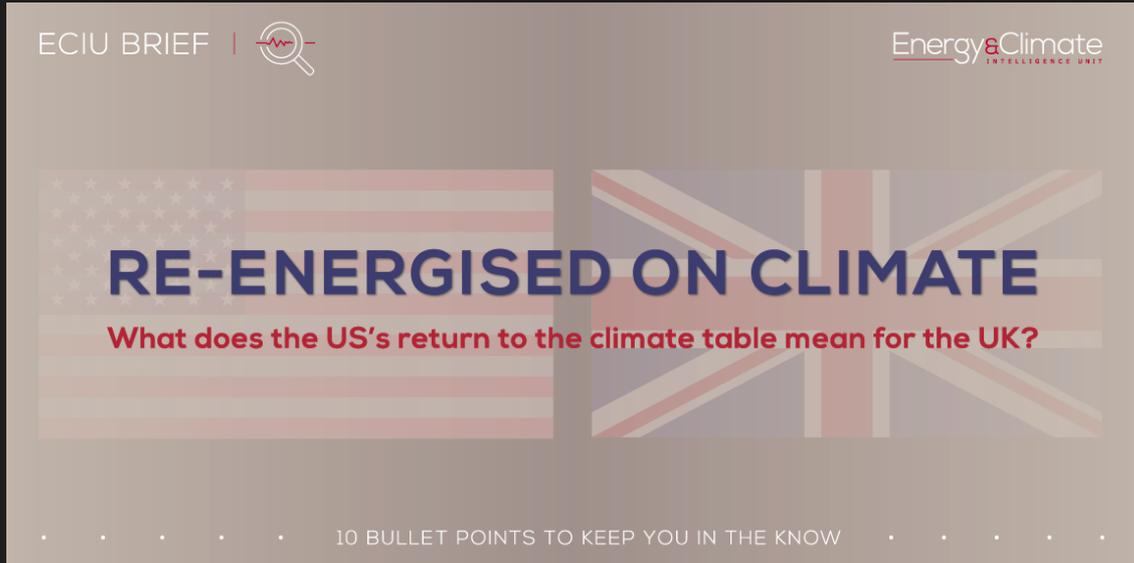
Last week also saw the launch of a new groundbreaking podcast: Emergency on Planet Sport. Hosted by sports broadcaster Jonathan Overend, the eight-part series explores, through interviews with sports stars (including the likes of ex Australian rugby player David Pocock!), the often untold links between sport and climate change. Find out more about the series and where you can listen later in the edition.

### In Focus: The trans-Atlantic climate connection

#### A US re-energised on climate change: what does it mean for the UK?

What does the US's return to the international climate table mean for the UK? Read this short 10-point briefing to find out.

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### In Focus: US domestic climate policy

#### With the Senate: Biden's options to restore US climate governance

Earlier this month it was revealed that the US Democratic Party had won the run-off elections in Georgia, resulting in its control of the Senate. How does this impact the Biden Administration's ability to enact climate and energy policy? ECIU's John Lang explores what the Administration can do to restore US climate governance in this updated infographic.

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### In Focus: Sports and climate change

## Emergency on Planet Sport

The potential for sport to reduce its own impact on the climate and engage fans to do the same is significant.

Emergency on Planet Sport hears from athletes, clubs and governing bodies who tell stories from three angles; the impact of climate change on everyday sport, the contribution of sport to the global emergency and the solutions sport can deliver to help make a difference. You can listen to the series here.



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### In case you missed it

#### News roundup

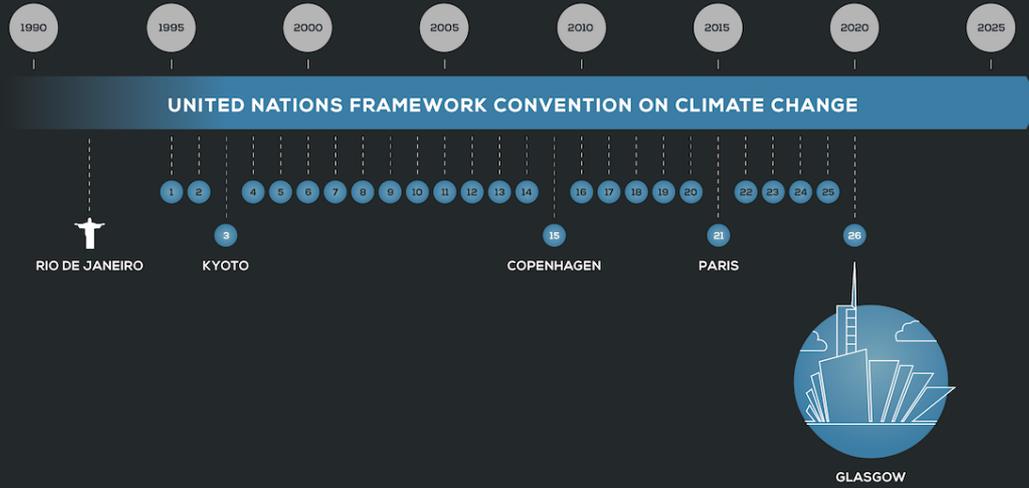
- [Biden's first act sets tone for ambitious approach](#)
- [Biden to convene world leaders to talk climate on Earth Day](#)
- [Senate shift could bring major changes in US climate policy](#)
- [Biden launches climate change efforts](#)
- [Kerry promises 'significantly' more climate finance at adaptation summit](#)
- [Biden and Boris talk alliance, climate, Covid-19 recoveries](#)
- [Boris Johnson calls for adaptation action with new coalition](#)
- [The Times view on Boris Johnson's big moment at the COP26 summit](#)
- [Alok Sharma leaves business job to focus on climate role](#)
- [Alok Sharma seethes at Robert Jenrick over Cumbria coal mine](#)
- [France and UK lead push for climate finance to restore nature](#)
- [Ministers to end fossil fuel business support before COP26](#)
- [COP26: Photographer to highlight climate change in exhibition](#)

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### Infographic

## A short(ish) history of the UN climate summits

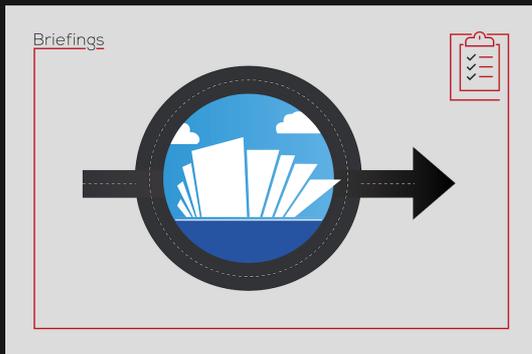
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## Briefing - ECIU

### Glasgow Summit: The key asks



Carbon-cutting commitments, net zero pathways, money, coal, forests and... more money

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## Briefing - ECIU

### COP26 Q+A



What is COP26, who will attend and why does it matter?

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## Key dates

### What's coming up?

28 Feb - [NDC Synthesis Report](#)

March TBC - China's 14th Five Year Plan

2 - 4 Mar - UN Oceans Summit (Lisbon, Portugal)

22 April - Earth Day | US hosted climate leaders' summit

18 - 21 May - World Economic Forum Special Annual [Meeting](#)

11 - 13 June - [G7 Summit](#) (Carbis Bay, Cornwall, UK)

21 June - Commonwealth Heads of Government [Meeting](#) (Kigali, Rwanda)

1 Jul - UN Food Systems Summit

14 - 30 Sep - UN General Assembly (New York, USA)

20 - 26 Sep - [Climate Week NYC](#)

28 - 29 Sep - [Sports Positive Summit](#) (London, UK)

30 Sep - 2 Oct - Pre COP Summit (Milan, Italy)

30 - 31 Sep - G20 Leaders Summit (Rome, Italy)

1 - 12 Nov - COP26 Glasgow Summit

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