

Policy Matters



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Israel-Palestine. [Global Perspectives on the 2023 Israel-Hamas War is a special compilation of 37 items](#)

Climate.

- **Overshooting.** Climate Crisis Action Group [reports that the planet is overshooting 1.5°C targets](#).
- **Undershooting.** The OECD's monitoring concludes that countries are [falling short of their net-zero targets](#) and [are behind in their goal of mobilizing USD 100 billion](#) annually to mitigate climate impacts in developing countries.
- **Blame the billionaires.** [A hard-hitting report](#) from Oxfam shows that the richest 1% are responsible for more carbon emissions than the poorest 66%, with the latter bearing the brunt of the climate emergency.

The cost of billionaire philanthropy. [Giving by the richest 1% has not kept pace](#) with their growing wealth, and much high-end philanthropy is subsidized by regular taxpayers.

Electric vehicles on fire. Despite all the stories, [proper research shows that EVs burst into flames](#) (report in Swedish) [much less often than fossil-fuel vehicles](#) (report in English).

Brexit isn't working.

- [So say businesses](#), in the European Movement's comprehensive new survey.
- And the same conclusion comes from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, [who calculate that the negative impact on the UK economy is gradually escalating](#).

Other reports that caught our eye:

- [An in-depth analysis of the market for cannabis in the EU](#) from European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
- [Toronto's Vital Signs 2023 Special Report: The Power of Us](#)
- [Energizing American Battery Storage Manufacturing](#) from Solar Energies Research Association
- [Fifth National Climate Assessment, Overview: Understanding Risks, Impacts, and Responses](#) from US Global Change Research Program
- [The State of Open Data 2023](#) from Digital Science

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