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This edition:

- More affordable housing for Berlin: the European Investment Bank (EIB) is providing a loan of 240 million euro to state-owned housing company Gewobag for the construction of 2,000 new residential units by 2023. Most of the new buildings will meet "energy-efficient house" standards. https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2020-005-more-living-space-for-berlin-european-investment-bank-lends-eur-240-million-to-gewobag

- The European Green Capital 2020 is Lisbon. The award is recognition of the work that Lisbon has done over the past decade to make its infrastructure, transport, public spaces, energy supplies and environment greener, more sustainable and more people-friendly. The city beat its decarbonisation target (of 46% in 2016), the recycling rate is over 34% and only 1% of waste is sent to landfill. https://cor.europa.eu/en/news/Pages/Lisbon-Europe-s-Green-Capital-in-2020.aspx

- On 14 January the European Commission published the European Green Deal Investment Plan and Just Transition Mechanism (JTM). The European Green Deal Investment Plan will mobilise EU funding and create an enabling framework to facilitate and stimulate the public and private investments needed for the transition to a climate neutral, green, competitive and inclusive economy. The JTM will create investment to help those who rely on the fossil fuel value chain. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_2017

- British MEPs attended 13-16 January their last plenary session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg. The total number of MEPs will be reduced to 705 when the United Kingdom leaves the EU on 31 January 2020. Of the 73 seats vacated by the UK, 27 seats will be re-allocated to France (+5), Spain (+5), Italy (+3), Netherlands (+3), Ireland (+2), Sweden (+1), Austria (+1), Denmark (+1), Finland (+1), Slovakia (+1), Croatia (+1), Estonia (+1), Poland (+1) and Romania (+1). https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/faq/12/how-many-meps