

the continent's forests. "France, Austria, Sweden and Finland are fighting tooth and nail to weaken the EU's rules," Mowat says. "This is because they all plan to significantly increase the amount of trees they cut in the next decade... and they don't want to count the emissions."

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Emergency spacewalk

Two astronauts ventured outside the International Space Station on an unplanned two-hour spacewalk. The aim was to repair a vital data relay box that controls solar arrays, radiators and cooling on the station. NASA said the five-person crew was not in danger, but had to rely on backup systems until the fix was made.

Why diets don't work

An internal "thermostat" may be the reason diets don't work. A set of neurons in the brain stops mice from burning calories when they are not eating enough. This might prevent people from burning fat while on a diet (*eLife*, [doi.org/b7gk](https://doi.org/10.1101/157811)).

IQ genes discovered

Intelligence is in your genes, at least to a small degree. Research on around 60,000 adults and 20,000 children has identified 52 genes linked to IQ. Together, the genes only account for about 5 per cent of the variation in intelligence, though (*Nature Genetics*, [doi.org/b7gm](https://doi.org/10.1038/ng.3281)).

Radon threat in Ireland

Nearly half a million Irish citizens may be exposed to potentially harmful radiation from radon gas in their homes. Radon trickles up from soil as a byproduct of rock decay. Some 460,000 citizens — 10 per cent of the population of the Republic of Ireland — face exposure above the safety