

FEAD and its work *a focus on batteries*

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Introduction

What our industry does for Europe

- FEAD is the EU private waste management association
- Local, innovative, sustainable jobs: up to 400 000 jobs in the waste management sector (EC Commission)
- 5 Bn EUR/year investment in collection and waste management facilities
- Secondary raw materials provided to the manufacturing sector
- A key role in climate protection through prevention of GHG emissions (recycling + W-to-E from non recyclable waste)



20

National Waste
Management federations



3.000

Private waste
management companies



320.000

Employees
In total



2.400

Recycling and
Sorting centres



900

Controlled
landfills



1.100

Composting
sites



260

Waste-to-energy
Plants



5 billion

Euros In Investments
Per year

Introduction

FEAD as the voice of the waste management industry in Europe

- FEAD represents 20 national associations from EU member states
- 5 expert committees with 3 subcommittees discussing the whole range of European topics of interest for the waste management industry to form a strong unified voice



FEAD main positions

- Strengthen recycling markets with an ambitious **product policy**, introduce **mandatory recycled content** rules on certain products
- Set up **mandatory green public procurement** rules
- Examine **recycling targets** on industrial and commercial waste
- Develop binding rules on **eco-design** and **eco-labelling**
- Build a balanced policy for **chemicals**
- EU waste exports rules** to ensure exports of quality recyclates/waste for recycling and recovery while ensuring environmental protection.
- Recognise the role the **waste management** sector plays in climate mitigation
- Need for a strong signal to divert recyclable waste from landfill



FEAD work

● Participation in almost all EU Green Deal consultations (indicative list):

- Circular Economy Action Plan
- Sustainable Investment and Taxonomy
- POPs & Batteries & Hazardous Waste
- Waste Shipments
- Packaging and Packaging Waste
- Methane Strategy & Sewage Sludge Directive
- Energy Taxation Directive
- New Industrial Strategy
- Industrial Emissions Directive
- Renovation Wave & Construction Products
- Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism



FEAD position on Batteries

FEAD main topics: Batteries

Main issues:

- **Revitalise** EU batteries' industry (less transport for recyclates, more control)
- **Harmonisation of definitions** (WFD, WSR, Basel Convention, Batteries Directive)
- **Increase collection**
- Improve **eco-design** (dismantling, easy to discharge, etc.)
- Use of **dangerous substances** not easy to recycle, e.g. Cadmium
- Thinking of a **second-life for Li-ion**
- **Mandatory recycled** content **also for imported** batteries

Issues with the proposed batteries' regulation



- **Collection: higher collection targets** should be set up, to 80% for all types of batteries, and for automotive batteries 100%
- Lack of a **mandatory deposit** refund system
- **Recycling efficiency:** the deadline for meeting the new targets needs to be **delayed** (technological gaps, especially for Lithium-ion batteries)
- **Need for appropriate and rapid implementation tools:** early determination of the **methodology for the calculation and verification** of recycling efficiencies, and for the recovery of materials
- **Mandatory recycled contents** should be extended to **all types** of batteries
- **Eco-design** (easy dismantling, etc.), marking (easy detectability) and less hazardous substances
- **EPR schemes:** duly take into consideration the existing and successful B2B schemes/contracts
- Enforcing the control of **illegal movements** of battery waste
- Responsibility for sales via **online marketplaces** equal to stationary retailers in Europe

Thank you for your attention

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