

2021/22



## Activity Report

# Key Policy Areas in 2021/22

## Green Deal Initiatives

- Fit for 55 package (ETS, RED, ETD, EED)
- Commission presentation of a “package” of European Green Deal proposals to make sustainable products:
  - Proposal for a Regulation on **Eco-design for Sustainable Products**
  - EU Strategy for **Sustainable and Circular Textiles**
  - Revision of the **Construction Products Regulation**
- Commission proposal for a Revision of the **Industrial Emission Directive**
- EU Public consultation on potential measures for regulating the **environmental impact of mobile phones and tablets**
- Climate, Energy and Environment **State Aid Guidelines**
- Definition of **Safe and Sustainable by Design** criteria for chemicals and materials
- Commission Implementing Decision on EU rules on calculating, verifying and reporting data on **separate collection of single-use plastic beverage bottles**
- **Regulation on batteries and batteries' waste**
- **Sewage Sludge Targeted Consultations**
- **Methane strategy**
- Review of the **General Block Exemption Regulation** (State aid): revised rules for State aid promoting the green and digital transition

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## Waste Shipments

### EU Waste Shipment Regulation

- The Commission proposed a revision of the waste shipment regulation on 17 November 2021
- FEAD submitted its feedback and amendment proposals and issued a press release
  - Main aim of FEAD is to resolve existing bottlenecks and ensure safe shipments
  - Main risks: **restriction of exports**
- The file is currently at the EP
  - FEAD had 2 meetings with the rapporteur's office and participated in a public hearing organised by her
  - Draft report published in April 2022 (MEP Pernille Weiss – EPP), where most FEAD suggestions were taken
  - Additional points were discussed with the rapporteur's office in a further meeting
  - Deadline to table amendments in May 2022
  - Vote in ENVI Committee scheduled in October
- **Public event with the rapporteur to be organised by FEAD in July 2022 (Brussels)**
- **FEAD is exploring the option of a joint position paper with other industry stakeholders**

### ADR (transport of dangerous goods by road)

- FEAD Subcommittee ADR has compared national derogations related to waste transport in ten countries and prepared a proposal for a 'common' solution to discuss with the Member States, with the final objective of modifying the ADR.
- **The proposal will be discussed with the Member States in June 2022 in The Hague.**

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## Textile Strategy

- Published on 30 March 2022
- The Commission wants to achieve the following goals by 2030
  1. Introduction mandatory Ecodesign requirements
  2. Stopping the destruction of unsold or returned textiles
  3. Digital Product Passport
  4. Extended producer responsibility and boosting reuse and recycling of textile waste
    - Extended producer responsibility (EPR) requirements have proven to be effective in improving separate collection of waste.
    - Harmonised EU extended producer responsibility rules for textiles with eco-modulation of fees, as part of the forthcoming revision of the Waste Framework Directive in 2023.
    - The key objective will be to create an economy for collection, sorting, reuse, preparation for reuse and recycling.
  5. Supporting research, innovation, and investments
  6. Addressing the challenges from the export of textile waste
    - Additional point: – The Commission also encourages businesses to prioritise their efforts on fibre-to-fibre recycling.
- FEAD issued a press release and submitted its feedback to the public consultation on the Staff Working Document “Scenarios towards co-creation of a transition pathway for a more resilient, sustainable and digital textiles ecosystem”
- FEAD identified its textile experts and **created a working group for further work on this topic**

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## Waste Management and Chemicals

- Revision of EU legislation on hazard **classification, labelling and packaging** of chemicals
- Revision of **REACH** Regulation to help achieve a toxic-free environment
- Revising Annexes IV and V to the Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 on **Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**
  - FEAD submitted its feedback to the EC and issued a press release
- Review of the Restriction of the use of hazardous substances in electronics (**RoHS Directive**)
  - simplify and strengthen the legal framework, foresees a move towards 'one substance – one assessment'
- Simplification and **digitalisation of labelling** requirements
- Revision of Annex I and III of **Basel Convention**: Annex I to the Basel Convention lists the categories of wastes to be controlled under the Basel Convention, including both specific waste categories (Y1 to Y18) and wastes having specific constituents (Y19 to Y45). Annex III to the Basel Convention lists hazardous characteristics (H1 to H13).
- ECHA's Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) finalized a proposal indicating that **lead in metallic form** should be **classified as very ecotoxic for the environment**, no split classification between lead in its massive form and in its powder form
  - Material/products containing more than 2.5 ppm of lead would be classified
  - The International Lead Association issued a position paper



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## Batteries Regulation

- ITRE (Patrizia Toia – S&D) adopted draft opinion on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021
  - IMCO (Toine Manders – EPP) adopted draft opinion on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021
  - ENVI (Simona Bonafe – S&D) adopted draft opinion on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022
  - During a plenary session, the European Parliament adopted its negotiation on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022
  - FEAD issued position papers, feedbacks, and press releases about the Committee reports and FEAD's key topics in the proposed Regulation
    - **FEAD continued campaigning on the Batteries regulation**
      - More than 40 meetings with MEPs or Assistants, and the EC
      - FEAD will speak at the EUROBAT annual forum on 24 June and give a political statement at a DUH webconference on the EU Batteries Regulation.
    - FEAD final position paper on mandatory recycled content (MRC) as main point in the proposed batteries regulation, and increased collection
- **The European Parliament and the Council of the EU adopted MRC & increased collection targets in their report/ position. Next triilogue: 17<sup>th</sup> June. End of the negotiations delayed to Swedish Presidency (Q2 2023)**

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## Other Topics

- **JRC study: “Separate collection of municipal waste: Development of a harmonised EU model”**
  - The goal of this study is to develop generic technical rules and detailed measures for a **potential harmonisation of municipal waste collection systems in the EU.**
- **Emissions Trading System (ETS)**
  - At the ENVI Committee, all political groups support the inclusion of municipal waste incineration from 2026
  - The COM shall prepare an IA by end 2024, assessing the impact and the possibility of including in the EU ETS other waste management processes
  - FEAD had meetings with MEPs and the press, advocating for a prior IA as a condition for inclusion
  - FEAD issued a press release and submitted amendment proposals at the EP
  - Vote in plenary 6–9 June 2022
  - Negotiations with the Council under Czech Presidency
- **Renewable Energies Directive (RED)**
  - ENVI adopted its draft opinion, as associated committee in May 2022
  - CA strongly restrict the use of biomass from waste
  - FEAD prepared a position paper to be directed to the lead Committee and the Member States
  - FEAD will also join efforts with other stakeholders
  - The leading committee, ITRE will vote on 14 July

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## Other Topics

- **Taxonomy**

- FEAD has intensively advocated for the inclusion of WtE in the Taxonomy with several position papers, press releases, meetings, events, workshops
- Including Waste-to-Energy in the EU Taxonomy is still not on EC agenda
- Report from the PSF published in March, where WtE is not included in the activities covering the objective of “circular economy”
- Formal mandate from the European Commission needed to further examine under which conditions residual waste, and possibly WtE, might be included in **an additional Delegated Act (EC still not acting on it)**
- Clear support expressed from the German authorities
- **FEAD members are invited to contact their national authorities to ensure the needed pressure from national governments on EC**

- **Definition of Recycling:**

- JRC in collaboration with DG Environment presented the preliminary results of the study “Assessment of the definition of recycling”, within the context of the European Green Deal and the Circular Economy Action Plan 2.0.
- Last discussion meeting with JRC in the first half of June



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- **End of Waste:**
  - JRC and European Commission published the report “**Scoping and developing further end-of-waste (EoW) and by-product (BP) criteria**” where the priority list of waste streams for the development of EU-wide EoW criteria has been identified:
    - Plastics (First workshop end of May)
    - Textiles
    - Rubber
    - Mineral fractions of the construction and demolition wastes
    - Paper and cardboard
- **Waste oils:**
  - Survey and stakeholder workshop to implement an impact assessment for the revision of Waste Framework Directive
- **SCIP database from ECHA:**
  - Survey and stakeholder workshop

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## Upcoming Topics

- **Revision of Waste Framework Directive**
  - FEAD already submitted feedback to the Commission's call for evidence for an IA
- **Revision of Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD)**
  - FEAD already submitted feedback to EUNOMIA (consultancy)
  - Joint letter on "Right of first refusal"
  - Stakeholder workshop at the end of May
- **Policy framework on biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics**
  - FEAD provided a reply to the public consultation questionnaire and a position paper
- **Revision of End-of-Life Vehicles Directive (ELV)**
  - FEAD provided feedback to the Commission Stakeholder Workshop
- **Ecodesign Regulation (Sustainable Products Initiative)**
  - Draft position paper already submitted to the corresponding FEAD Committee

# Committee Activity

## Committee 1

- Chair wanted!

## Subcommittee Shipment

- Several meetings in relation to the WSR revision

## Subcommittee ADR

- Several meetings to prepare the IWG meeting

## Committee 2

- Meeting on 7 April 2022
- Next meeting will take place September/October 2022

## Committee 3

- Chair wanted!

## Committee 4

- Chair wanted!

## Committee 5

- Meeting on 22 March 2022
- Next meeting on 21 June 2022

## Subcommittee Chemicals

- Upcoming meeting needs to be planed



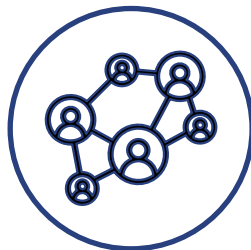
# Communications

## Website:



- Regular publication of position papers, press releases, feedbacks and public consultations
- Continual improvement of website
- Ongoing updates in MemberZone – Active files

## Social Media:



- Improve social media visibility
- Advertise strategically in social media
- Euractiv membership until Nov 2022

## Internal Communication:



- Weekly Bulletin

# Upcoming Actions



## Events:

- FEAD Biennial conference and 40th anniversary at IFAT, Munich (DE), 2 June 2022
- Fifth meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Transport of Hazardous Waste in The Hague (NL), 15/16 June 2022
- FEAD presentation at the ECR Expert Class ADR in Osnabrück (DE), 5 July 2022
- Public event on Waste Shipments Regulation in Brussels (BE), 11 July 2022
- CAObH/ FEAD event in Prague (CZ), 22 September 2022

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