



NEWSLETTER N° 200 - 23 DECEMBER 2024

Welcome to the 200th edition of FEAD's Newsletter, a big milestone for us and a testament to your continued readership and support. This isn't just any newsletter; it's also our **last one of the year!** As we wrap up 2024, we want to thank you for being part of our journey, from the latest in EU policies to updates that (hopefully!) made your Monday afternoons a little brighter.

We'll be taking a short holiday break to recharge our batteries (and our recycling bins) and will be back with fresh updates on **13 January 2025**.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and perhaps even some waste-free gifts! Thank you for sticking with us, here's to another year of navigating the EU bubble together.



Environment Council: The [Environment Council](#) meeting took place on 17 December during which several significant discussions took place, including on End-of-Life Vehicles and microplastic pollution from plastic pellet losses as well as updates on international meetings, such as on the plastics treaty negotiations (the Hungarian Presidency [reviewed](#) the progress of negotiations for a global plastics treaty). Meanwhile, several member states called for stricter rules to enforce EPR on products sold through e-commerce platforms after a [note](#) by the Czech Republic, Denmark, France and Slovakia addressed to the Commission stated that online sales enable 'companies based outside the EU to sell electronic products, batteries, packaging or other items on the European market without complying with the obligations' under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme. [Sweden](#) initiated discussions on the revision of REACH, advocating for stronger protections against hazardous substances, simplified processes, and enhanced consumer product information.

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR): On 16 December, the PPWR was formally [adopted](#) by the Council.

Microplastics: On 17 December, the Council [adopted](#) its position on a regulation on preventing the loss of plastic pellets – the industrial raw materials used to make plastic products – to the environment.

Single-Use Plastics Directive - Evaluation (SUPD): On 18 December, Rethink Plastic published an [evaluation](#) of the SUPD.

Chemicals production and consumption statistics - Eurostat: On 18 December, Eurostat [published](#) a series of figures on the production and consumption of chemicals hazardous to human health in the EU.

Waste Shipment Regulation amendments related to e-waste: On 20 November, the delegated acts ([one](#) and [two](#)) that implement the recent Basel amendments related to e-waste were published in the Official Journal of the EU.

Urban Wastewater Treatment: The new Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive was [published](#) on 12 December in the EU Official Journal, it will therefore come into force on 1 January 2025.

EU Emissions Trading Systems (ETS): On 13 December, the European Commission launched a [public consultation](#) on a second batch draft delegated act to update the

Registry Regulation, now to introduce rules on aviation, fees to finance the Union Registry, and ETS for buildings and road transport.

Union certification framework for carbon removals: On 18 December, the European Parliament's think tank published a [briefing](#) on the 'Union certification framework for carbon removals', which will enter into force on 26 December 2024.

Carbon removals - Sandbag policy brief: The think tank, Sandbag, has published a [policy brief](#) on carbon removals and the EU ETS.

Decarbonisation - French aid scheme: On 18 December, the European Commission announced that it had [approved](#) a 3 billion euros French aid scheme to support for a period of 15 years companies in decarbonising their production processes.

Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin (RFNBF): On 16 December, six organisations (T&E, Environmental Defense Fund, Deutsche Umwelthilfe, Bellona, CAN) wrote a [letter](#) to the Commissioner Dan Jørgensen asking for 'stringent rules for 'blue hydrogen' based on fossil gas in the low-carbon fuels delegated act to ensure a level playing field for RFNBF.

ECHA investigation on flame retardants: On 18 December, ECHA [revealed](#) that their investigation (requested by the European Commission) on the use and release of aromatic brominated flame retardants (ABFRs) and their (potential) hazardous properties, found that 'use of non-polymeric aromatic brominated flame-retardant additives pollutes the environment due to their persistence, bioaccumulation and toxicity'.

Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD): On 16 December 90 organizations representing civil society, business, banks and investor interests across the EU published a [press release](#) on smart implementation of CSRD.

Construction products: On 18 December, the Regulation laying down harmonised rules for the marketing of construction products was [published](#) in the EU Official Journal.

Voluntary Sustainability Reporting Standard for non-listed SMEs (VSME): On 17 December, EFRAG [published](#) three educational videos dedicated to the VSME, which was delivered to the European Commission.

EU Commission Infringement Packages: The Commission announced on 16 December new [infringement procedures](#) against Member States.

Infringing EU Law - European Court of Auditors report: On 17 December, the European Court of Auditors published a [report](#) on infringing EU Law in which it states that 'while the Commission has improved its management of infringement cases, it still takes too long to close the cases'.

European Parliament - Health & Defence Committees: On 18 December, the European Parliament [confirmed](#) the decision to create a standing Health Committee and a standing Security & Defence Committee.

FEAD news: On 17 December, FEAD, in collaboration with 17 other stakeholders such as Plastics Recyclers Europe and Plastics Europe, has published a press release on the plastic value chain and the danger it is facing. Read it [here](#).

On 18 December, we announced ARI has our new member from Denmark. Read our [press release](#) to find out all about our 20th full member.



PRESS REVIEW & REPORTS



Recycling lorry dumps waste after battery fire

Single-use plastics: Green groups find uneven progress in member states

The Chinese plastic waste import ban: Lessons for EU policy

Así podemos convertir los residuos plásticos en combustibles y otros materiales



HAZARDS OUT

A Multi-Stakeholder Partnership for the separate collection of household hazardous waste

WORKSHOP 1 HHW WHAT IS GOING TO CHANGE?

11.02.2025 | ONLINE EVENT | 14:00 CET

AGENDA

On 11 February, FEAD is organising a webinar titled 'Hazards out'.

This webinar is the first in a series under the **FEAD-led project 'Hazards Out - A Multi-Stakeholder Partnership to promote the separate collection of household hazardous waste'**. The project aims to support municipalities and other relevant stakeholders in implementing the obligation to sort and collect HHW separately, and to address potential hazards in waste management facilities caused by misplaced hazardous waste.

The banner features a green and yellow geometric design on the left. It includes the 'EfW Net' logo with the tagline 'The Energy from Waste Network'. A central graphic shows a circular flow of icons representing waste management and energy production. The main title 'Energy from Waste' is in large black font, with the dates 'London 5-6 March 2025' and venue 'ETC venue | 155 Bishopsgate' below it. A red banner at the bottom contains the text 'OFFICIAL 2025 SUPPORTING ORGANISATION' and the FEAD logo (European Waste Management Association). Social media links for the conference are listed on the left, and a red banner at the bottom right says 'Book now at www.efwconference.com'.

Energy from Waste
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*Accelerating decarbonisation and circular economy,
across waste to energy, waste to value and waste to X*

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The Energy from Waste Conference 2025 (5-6 March 2025) once again brings together an exceptional line-up of the industry's best speakers, with technical experts, international leaders, and innovative developers providing an unmissable two days of the latest information.

Benefit from a packed two-day programme: explore the critical issues that will impact on your organisation, take part in in-depth discussion sessions and gain greater understanding of emerging trends and directions.

Gain real value from the plentiful networking times with top global suppliers and fellow industry leaders.

[Learn more](#)

SUM2025

8th Multidisciplinary Symposium on
Circular Economy & Urban Mining
21 - 23 MAY 2025 / Procida, Italy

SUM 2025 - 8th Multidisciplinary Symposium on Circular Economy and Urban Mining will be held from 21 to 23 May 2025 in the stunning island of Procida (Naples, Italy).

The conference, organised by IWWG-International Waste Working Group, has been held every two years since 2012. Following the great success of the 2024 edition, which attracted participants from 34 different countries and various disciplines (including Agronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Engineering, Law, Material Science, Medicine, Geography and other Social Sciences), and considering the intense and rapid development of topics and issues related to Circular Economy, the SUM Symposium has become an annual event.

This decision is aimed at promoting a more continuous interaction and collaboration across diverse fields, encouraging sustained, multidisciplinary dialogue and strategic partnerships.

The Call for Papers is officially open! All authors interested in presenting their work at SUM 2025 are invited to submit their papers on the symposium topics by filling in the online submission form

Deadline: **10 March 2025**

Detailed instructions are available at: <https://www.sumsymposium.it/en/call-for-papers>

For any further information, please visit the official website at www.sumsymposium.it or contact the Organising Secretariat at info@sumsymposium.it



On 10-12 June 2025, Waste Management Europe's expo will be taking place in Bologna, Italy. The Waste Management Europe 2025 Exhibition and Conference promotes cutting-edge thinking in applying innovative solutions to some of the world's greatest challenges.

By connecting global experts in waste management, recycling, reuse and circularity, WME 2025 catalyses the acceleration of positive change and inspires both individuals and organisations to improve their own strategies and implementation.

[Find out more](#) about the event and register!



FEAD mentions in the Press:

RecyclingMagazine: **[New member for FEAD](#)**

Greenreport: **[«Ms. von der Leyen...», l'appello del settore plastica: «Nostra competitività minacciata, Ue a un bivio»](#)**

EUWID: **[Associations call on EU legislators to ensure EPR schemes for textiles are fair and effective](#)**

Retema: **[Prioridades de la economía circular en la UE, a debate en una conferencia de la FEAD](#)**

Residuosprofesional: **[La economía circular europea necesita inversiones por 27.000 millones](#)**

RecyclingMagazine: **[Experts and policymakers discuss 'Circular Economy Priorities' at FEAD's conference - RECYCLING magazine](#)**

EUWID: **[Remondis manager Herwart Wilms to become FEAD president in 2026](#)**

RecyclingMagazine: **[FEAD members elect Herwart Wilms as President for 2026](#)**

Fibre2Fashion: **[FEAD, EuRIC & Decathlon push for stronger EPS schemes in EU textiles](#)**

Retema: **[FEAD, EuRIC y Decathlon urgen a la UE a implementar esquemas efectivos](#)**

de RAP para impulsar la economía circular del textil



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