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Communication, Networking and Future Event

- FEAD Biennial Conference & 40th Anniversary on 2nd June 2022, 10 - 12 at IFAT Munich
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Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Commission's Sustainable Products Initiative:**
 - The Commission's Sustainable Products Initiative is now [open for feedback](#). The [draft Ecodesign Regulation](#) repeals the current Directive 2009/125/EC and empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts with ecodesign requirements for, or in relation to, products. According to the Communication, the extension of the Ecodesign framework (currently only for energy-related products) is to cover the broadest possible range of products, without mentioning any specific categories or priorities.
 - Please provide us with your feedback to the [draft FEAD feedback](#) by 15 May 2022, COB.
- **Call for evidence on the certification of carbon removals:**
 - The Commission opened for feedback a [call for evidence](#) on the certification of carbon removals according to the Communication on Sustainable Carbon Cycles.

- Please provide us with your feedback to the [draft FEAD answers](#) to the Commission's questionnaire **by Friday, 15 April 2022, COB.**
 - **Questionnaire on 'in-house' procurement:**
 - At the initiative of PIGO, we invite you to fill in this [questionnaire](#) on 'in-house' procurement **by Friday, 15 April 2022, COB.**
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Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- ETS:
 - [Compromises](#) in the ITRE Committee put an end to free allowances on the carbon market by the end of 2034 for sectors that will be subject to the CBAM. The compromise will be voted on 20 April in the ITRE Committee, which is jointly responsible with the Environment Committee for the issue of free allowances. The European Commission had proposed 2036. However, the phase-out will be gradual and will only begin in 2028 (as opposed to 2026 for the Commission). This date was also retained in the compromise on CBAM, which will be voted on the same day. However, free allowances could be extended in the event of proven risks of relocation linked to the price of carbon. It would even be maintained in full for exports from sectors subject to CBAM to countries without an ETS. Finally, the compromise reduces free allowances "by 15 to 40%" in the event of non-compliance with the recommendations of the energy audit report (when it is made mandatory by the energy efficiency directive). The executive proposed -25%. EPP, S&D and Renew support both compromises in full.
- EAP
 - The EU 8th Environmental Action Programme was [published in the Official Journal](#) on 12 April.

- Microplastics
 - The Commission remains unclear on the date of release of the draft restriction on microplastics. Commissioner Thierry Breton replied on 12 April that "internal consultations" would be opened "in the coming weeks to finalise the draft restriction". The text "should include a definition of microplastics [...] based on size, solubility and biodegradability, among other criteria". The Commissioner defended the need for transitional periods to give stakeholders sufficient time to adapt to the new rules. An "update" on the dossier is expected at the next meeting of the REACH expert committee on 27-28 April.

- RED
 - The Commission **published** on 12 April 2022 thirteen implementing decisions, recognising different voluntary certification schemes as demonstrating compliance with the sustainability criteria requirements set in the Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001 for biofuels, bioliquids, biomass fuels, renewable liquid and gaseous fuels of non-biological origin and recycled carbon fuels. Operators certified by these schemes do not need to provide further proof of compliance with sustainability and greenhouse gas emission reduction criteria to Member States. The same voluntary schemes - including Better Biomass or REDcert - had already been validated by the European Commission in 2017.

- New regulatory framework for batteries
 - A first trilogue is scheduled for 20 April, from 7pm to 9pm, in the Council building. Three technical "tripartite" meetings (Parliament, Council and Commission) are scheduled for 28 April, 12 and 19 May. No date has yet been set for the second trilogue.

- ECHA
 - ECHA has published an Article 69(2) assessment report concluding that further examination of the risks from the use

of 10 phthalates in articles should be considered as part of a larger investigation to address risks of ortho-phthalates. Ortho-phthalates are listed in the Restriction Roadmap that the EU Commission is expected to publish soon.

Press Review & Reports

- **ENDS - Waste industry backs EU bid to banish fast fashion**
 - Europe's waste management industry has endorsed the European Commission's recent strategy to tackle the environmental impact of textiles, calling for recycled content requirements to encourage more sustainable production.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
- **Euroactiv - Raw materials: why Europe needs to ramp up its battery game**
 - The battery supply chain and industrial production must become more sustainable –and Europe can play a special role in setting standards that have a global impact: Standards for transparency in the supply chain, more environmentally-friendly extraction and mining practices, and – too long overlooked – for sustainable and efficient usage of these assets.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
- **ECOS – Making sustainable batteries a reality**
 - This paper gives an overview of the methodologies and the standards needed to make the Battery Regulation a reality and focuses on the different aspects of the EC Standardisation Request M/579, highlighting its strengths but pointing to its weaknesses. We provide recommendations to both the European Commission and standardisers in charge of developing the deliverables under the Standardisation Request.
 - Read the full paper [here](#).

- **EEB - Do No Significant Harm to Circular Economy in the Climate Taxonomy**
 - This report critically reviews how the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle has been operationalised in the first Taxonomy delegated regulation on climate change mitigation and adaptation.
 - Read the full report [here](#).
 - **Business Europe - Joint industry statement – Feedback on the standardisation strategy**
 - We welcome the European Commission’s initiative for a European standardisation strategy that aims to support the digital transformation and the green transition. Standards are at the core of the EU Single Market and the New Legislative Framework for products, and key to the EU’s economic integration that is imperative in today’s geopolitical context more than ever.
 - Read the full paper [here](#).
 - **ENDS – ECHA adds lead fuel additive to authorisation list**
 - Tetraethyl lead, a petrol additive once described as ‘one of the most serious environmental threats to human health’, has now been placed on the EU’s authorisation list.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
 - **ENDS - 9 key proposals in the revised Industrial Emissions Directive**
 - The European Commission unveiled on Tuesday its proposal to revise the EU’s key law governing air and water pollution from industrial sites, as part of its ‘green deal’ programme. Here’s what you need to know.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
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Webinars & Conferences

- **EU ETS: How to mitigate instability?**

- Euractiv will have an online event on the 27 April 2022 at 14.30 CET, to discuss the possible impacts of excessive speculation on the functioning of the EU ETS market.
- Register [here](#).

- **EU's packaging rules revamp: towards a more sustainable future?**
 - POLITICO will have an online event on the 10 Mai 2022 at 16.30 CET, to discuss how might the foreseen mandatory recycled content targets in the revised legislation impact different industry stakeholders through the value chain?
 - Register [here](#).

- **Advancing the circularity of PS packaging**
 - RecyClass will have an online event on the 20 April 2022 to learn more about the developments within the PS market in Europe and the harmonised approach towards the recyclability of this type of packaging.
 - Register [here](#).

- **Circularity of bottles: Contributing to the EU Green Deal**
 - Euractiv will have an online event on the 29 April 2022 at 09.30 CET, to discuss what's the best recipe for meeting circular economy and climate objectives and whether DRS are an efficient way to meet collection and recycling targets for EU natural mineral and spring water producers set in the EU's Single Use Plastics Directive.
 - Register [here](#).

- **IPCC report: The role of Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU) to mitigate climate change**
 - To highlight the key messages related to CCU in this report and to connect high-level scientists and policymakers on this subject, CO2 Value Europe organises this conference at the Press Club Brussels Europe on the 26th of April from 2-5 pm (CET).
 - Register [here](#).

- **UNEP event: Ad hoc open-ended working group (OEWG) to prepare for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to end plastic pollution**
 - The meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group to prepare for the work of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, will be held from 30 May to 1 June 2022 in Dakar, Senegal.
 - Register [here](#).
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FEAD website - Reminder

- **Go to your Member Area (<https://fead.be/index.php> > “Members Only”)**
- **Enter your login and password** (Please ask your login and password to info@fead.be if you forgot it)
- **Go to “Active Files” and here you have access to all files followed by FEAD Secretariat. We keep it updated!**
- **Frequency of FEAD Bulletin:** The bulletin will be sent maximum once per week, but without a minimum if it not necessary. If there is a slow week with no new relevant information, then we deem that it is not necessary to send it.

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