

# FEAD BULLETIN N° 78 - 29 April 2022

### **Communication, Networking and Future Event**



## **Ongoing Surveys and Consultations**

- Commission's Sustainable Products Initiative:
  - The Commission's Sustainable Products Initiative is now <u>open for feedback</u>. The <u>draft Ecodesign Regulation</u> 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 <u>draft FEAD feedback</u> by 15 May 2022, COB.

## **Monitoring of EU Institutions**

#### Life of EU institutions

• <u>EED:</u>

- In the Industry, Energy and Transport (ITRE) committee, which is responsible for the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II), the votes are expected on June 14 and July 13, respectively.
- <u>CBAM:</u>
  - As for the border carbon adjustment (CBAM), it is officially set for May 11, but several sources predict a postponement of the vote to the following week, on May 16.
- Chemicals:
  - The European Commission published the <u>roadmap for chemicals</u> <u>restrictions</u>, after numerous postponements.
- <u>ETS:</u>
  - The vote on the ETS revision is scheduled for May 16.
  - The first <u>compromise proposal</u> prepared by the French Presidency and sent to delegations on 25 April makes no mention of including the waste incineration sector in the European carbon market (ETS).
- <u>POPs:</u>
  - The trialogues on persistent organic pollutants will start on 11 May. The provisional timetable foresees a second session at the end of May or beginning of June, and a third on 20 June.
- Waste Shipment Regulation:
  - The ENVI Committee Rapporteur's <u>draft Report</u> on the proposal for a revision of the waste shipment Regulation has been made available.
- New regulatory framework for batteries:
  - Co-legislators are expected to hold a second round of interinstitutional negotiations either in late May or early June 2022.

#### **Press Review & Reports**

 The European Commission published an <u>article</u> about emissions trading. Greenhouse gas emissions from operators covered by the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) increased by 7.3% in 2021 compared with 2020 levels. However, compared with pre-pandemic levels emissions are still on the decline.

- The European Environment Agency published a <u>report</u> about municipal waste. It says that the EU will not succeed in halving the amount of municipal waste incinerated or landfilled by 2030.
- The OECD published a <u>report</u> about the monitoring trade in plastic waste and scrap. As a result, exports to China fell from 6.6 million tons (Mt) in 2017 (54% of total exported weight) to less than 0.25 Mt in 2020. Globally, this drop translates into a shift from 12.3 Mt of plastic waste exported in 2017 to 6.4 Mt in 2020.
- The KU Leuven published a <u>study</u> about critical materials until 2040.

#### • ENDS - EEA sounds alarm over rising waste generation

- European countries are steadily increasing the amount of municipal waste they generate, putting in peril the EU's target to slash landfilling and incineration rates, the European Environment Agency (EEA) has warned.
- Read the full article <u>here</u>.

### Webinars & Conferences

- 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 <u>here</u>.
- 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 <u>here</u>.

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