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Communication, Networking and Future Event

 On 4 May our Italian member FISE – Assoambiente changed to Assoambiente, as regards their activities related to the representation of the interests of the Italian waste management. Find <u>here</u> the communication.

FEAD events:

• Register to our Biennial Conference & 40th Anniversary <u>here</u>.



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 Sunday, 15 May 2022, COB.

- FEAD feedback:
 - 2nd of May: FEAD provided <u>feedback</u> to the public consultation questionnaire on the "Certification of carbon removals".

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- Carbon adjustment mechanism:
 - Carbon mechanism at the borders: in the European Parliament, the left and the centre aim at an end to free allowances in 2030. This was the conclusion of a meeting held on 3 May between the rapporteurs of the texts on the carbon adjustment mechanism at the borders and on the reform of the carbon market. The vote on the text in the ENVI Committee is scheduled for 17 May.
- Environmental criminal law:
 - The rapporteur of the ENVI Committee, Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP), did not wait for the resolution of the conflict of competences between the Legal Affairs (Juri) and Civil Liberties (Libe) Committees to draft her report for opinion on the proposal on the protection of the environment through criminal law. In particular, it calls for sanctions against legal persons to be strengthened, "to ensure a truly effective deterrent".
 - As promised by the French Presidency of the Council of the EU, the Copen working group received a first revised version of the proposal for a directive on environmental crime (articles 2 to 9).
- Persistent Organic Pollution (POPs):
 - The position prepared by rapporteur Martin Hojsík (Renew) received broad support in plenary on 3 May, with 506 votes in favour. The vote officially paves the way for trilogues with the French Presidency of the EU Council and the Commission, with a first negotiating session already scheduled for 11 May.
- Ecodesign Regulation:
 - S&D takes the lead on the Ecodesign Regulation.
 - The Italian Social Democrat MEP Simona Bonafe has now inherited the legislative proposal on ecodesign and sustainability of products unveiled by

the European Commission in March.

- Industrial Emissions Directive (IED):
 - EPP takes the lead on the IED.
 - The right-wing group has opened internal nominations until 10 May. Other groups, however, have started to nominate MEPs to become shadow rapporteurs. This is the case for the Greens, who have appointed the Italian Eleonora Evi for the IED dossier, and the Social Democrats, who have appointed Mohammed Chahim for the IED text.
- Basel Convention:
 - The French Presidency of the Council published the draft position to be defended on behalf of the Union at the 15^e Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention. The presidency sets out a number of conditions under which the EU could propose, or support, an initiative to improve the functioning of the consent procedure, including contributing to the transition to a "global circular economy". The text will be discussed by Member State delegations on 3 May.
- Ship Recycling:
 - <u>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/691</u> amending EU rules establishing a European List of ship recycling facilities was published in the EU Official Journal on 2 May 2022.
- <u>Waste Shipment Regulation:</u>
 - The ENVI Committee is scheduled to exchange views on the draft Report during a Committee meeting to be held on 11 May 2022.

Press Review & Reports

- Food Packaging Forum Taiwan bans PVC in food packaging
 - Taiwan's Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) announces food packaging made of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) will no longer be allowed by July 2023 and it is strengthening its scheme to reduce use of single-use plastic cups.
 - Read the full article <u>here</u>.
- ENDS Parliament finalises position on POPs in waste

- MEPs have agreed to push for tighter limits on persistent organic pollutants (POPs) found in waste in a plenary vote in Strasbourg on Tuesday.
- Find the full article <u>here</u>.
- Unesda Towards a policy framework that enables efficient waste collection, closed loop recycling and access to recycled content
 - Unesda, NMWE and AIJN published a joint <u>position paper</u>. The drinks producers want priority access to recycled plastics from their products. To ensure such access, three European associations are calling on the Commission to create a binding legal mechanism in its packaging legislation, which is due to be revised in the summer.
 - FEAD will prepare a position paper on this topic.
 - Find an article issued by ENDS here.

Webinars & Conferences

- EU's packaging rules revamp: towards a more sustainable future?
 - POLITICO will have an online event on the 10 May 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>.
- Petcore Europe 2022 Reuse in focus, challenges & opportunities for the PET industry
 - Petcore Europe will have an online event on the 25 May 2022 at 13.00 CET, to discuss how REUSE can bring improvement to the PET industry and how this will integrate and modify the sector's already developed infrastructure.
 - 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>.

- EP Intergroup event: Compost and Digestate in the Circular Bioeconomy: Healthy Soil for Healthy Life
 - The EP Intergroup will have a Webex event on the 30 June 2022 at 15.00 CEST, to discuss the need for a renovated attention to soil quality, soil health and soil fertility at national, regional and European level in relation to the Soil Health Law, the Common Agricultural Policy and the initiative on Sustainable Carbon Cycles in relation to a circular economy in Europe.
 - Register <u>here</u>.

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