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Communication, Networking and Future Even

FEAD events:

- Register to our Biennial Conference & 40th Anniversary [here](#).



Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Questionnaire on Microplastics pollution:**
 - The Commission intends to consult the public and stakeholders on Microplastic Pollution through an [online questionnaire](#). This public consultation aims to support the European Commission's initiative on Microplastics pollution – measures to reduce impacts on the environment. This initiative focusses on microplastics that are unintentionally released into the environment such as resulting from the use of a product, for instance by fragmentation or abrasion.
 - Please provide us with your feedback to the [draft FEAD feedback](#) by **Tuesday, 17 May 2022, COB**.
- **EoW criteria for C&D waste:**
 - On March 14th, the Italian Ministry of Economic Development notified to the European Commission (DG GROW) the draft Regulation on EoW criteria for C&D waste, according to the “stand still” procedure. The regulation has some critical aspects that risk to dramatically hinder the recycling of C&D waste in Italy (from current 78% to around 15%).

Our Italian member, Assoambiente, asks for our support in sending feedback on the proposal, directly to DG GROW.

- Please provide us with your feedback to the [draft FEAD feedback](#) by **Monday, 16 May 2022, COB**.

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- POPs:
 - The first session of inter-institutional negotiations ("trialogue") on the revision of the concentration limits of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in waste took place on the evening of 11 May. Negotiations will now take place at technical level, before a new political triologue at the end of May or beginning of June.
- Environmental Liability Directive:
 - The European Commission launches a consultation to evaluate its environmental liability directive. The aim is to improve the implementation of the polluter-pays principle, an Achilles heel of EU environmental policy, according to a July 2021 report by the European Court of Auditors.
- Basel Convention:
 - The OEWG (Open-ended Working Group)-12 face-to-face segment took place in Nairobi from 4 to 6 April, and during the meeting the group advanced the work on the 3 technical guidelines on POPs waste. The versions of the 3 technical guidelines representing the outcome of the OEWG are now available on the [BC website](#).
- Waste Shipment Regulation:
 - The European Parliament's ENVI Committee met to examine the Rapporteur's draft Report on 10 May 2022. The ENVI Committee is provisionally scheduled to vote on the draft Report and expected amendments in October 2022.
- New regulatory framework for batteries:
 - The second round of interinstitutional negotiations (trilogue) on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on batteries and waste batteries is expected to be held in mid-June.
- SCIP:
 - ECHA has [published](#) SCIP manuals in 23 EU languages. When preparing a SCIP notification, these manuals will help you protect your data and to refer to already submitted data.
- PPWD:
 - The Commission hinted at its intention to present a proposal for a Regulation, instead of a Directive, revising the PPWD.

Press Review & Reports

- Some 60 organisations representing the packaging sector, as well as consumer products (electronics, furniture, cosmetics, etc.), [co-signed a letter](#) to the EU executive on 11 May, calling on it to protect the single market, which is being "hampered" and "fragmented" by national legislation across the EU-27.
- **Ellen McArthur Foundation – What does a circular economy for plastics actually entail?**
 - A new 4-part podcast series from Economist Impact, supported by the Foundation, launches today. The first episode explores innovative solutions to product design, packaging, business models, supply chains and reuse. Over the next two months, the series will also explore circular approaches to food, fashion, and cities.
 - Listen to the podcast [here](#).
- **Euractiv - New EU laws risk promoting ‘downcycling’ of plastic bottles, industry warns**
 - European Commission plans to include mandatory recycled content targets for all plastics in a makeover of packaging laws expected this summer risk derailing attempts by plastic bottle manufacturers to reach closed loop recycling, the industry has warned.
 - Read the full article [here](#).

Webinars & Conferences

- **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 [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](#).
- **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 [here](#).
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- **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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