

## FEAD BULLETIN N° 81 - 20 May 2022

### Communication, Networking and Future Even

#### FEAD events:

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



### Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Household waste collection during the COVID-19 pandemic:**
  - IWMA, FEAD's Irish member is asking for our support to demonstrate that a fully privatised model of household waste collection benchmarked very well against other models managed by the municipalities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Therefore, we ask for your support to provide any data, reports or media articles on the performance of household waste collection in your own Country during the pandemic. Please send everything to [paolo.campanella@fead.be](mailto:paolo.campanella@fead.be)
- **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 Friday, 10 June 2022, COB.
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## Monitoring of EU Institutions

### Life of EU institutions

- POPs:
  - The Commission proposes to ban the use of an already exempted chemical for the production of fluoropolymers (PFOA).
- CBAM:
  - All compromise amendments negotiated between the political groups were adopted on 17 May in the Environment Committee vote. The amendment extending the scope of CBAM to plastics, organic chemicals, hydrogen and indirect emissions (compromise 2).
- Construction Products Regulation:
  - The German MEP Christian Doleschal is rapporteur in the IMCO Committee for the draft revision of this regulation.
- Packaging Directive:
  - Rejected by the European Commission's internal review committee, the draft revision of the packaging directive is behind schedule.
- EU-US Trade and Technology Council meeting:
  - Europeans and Americans want to explore the possibilities of cooperation on the recycling of raw materials. The Council also takes stock of the challenges in the supply chain of 'rare earths', resources for which EU companies have developed limited production and recycling capacities, with 'almost all stages [being] concentrated in China'.
- Ecodesign Regulation:
  - The ambition is to have the digital product passport operational by the time the first delegated act under the Ecodesign Regulation is adopted, which is expected to be late 2024 or early 2025.
  - Renew appointed Danish MEP Linea Søgård-Lidell as shadow rapporteur for the draft ecodesign regulation in the European Parliament's ENVI Committee.
- RED (Renewable Energy Directive):
  - MEPs strengthen the conditions for eligibility of waste incineration for support schemes, requiring that recycling and reuse targets be met, not just collection targets.
  - ENVI Committee members agreed on 17 May on their [position](#) on the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive.
  - FEAD is preparing its reaction.

- ETS:
  - The compromise amendments provide for the inclusion of emissions from municipal waste incineration plants in the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) from 1<sup>er</sup> January 2026. MEPs also call on the Commission to submit a report by 31 December 2024 on the "possible impacts" of this inclusion on waste disposal by landfill or exports to third countries.
  - The compromise amendment providing for the inclusion of emissions from waste incineration plants by 2026 was adopted on 17 May in the Environment Committee
- WSR:
  - Social Democrats, Greens and hard right in the European Parliament call for tighter restrictions on waste exports to the OECD in their amendments ([here](#) and [here](#)). The Greens and Social Democrats propose to ban exports of plastic waste to third countries, including OECD members.
  - FEAD prepared a [overview](#) of the submitted amendments.
- ESR Regulation:
  - The ENVI Committee compromises covers emissions from agriculture, waste, roads and buildings. They do not change the target proposed by the Commission in July: - 40% of GHG emissions in the sectors covered by 2030 (compared to 2005). The French target would still be raised to -47.5%.
- Taxonomy:
  - The Platform on Sustainable Finance, which issued end of March a report where W-to-E is not included in the activities covering the objective of "circular economy", needs to have a formal mandate from the European Commission to further examine under which conditions residual waste, and possibly W-to-E, might be included in an additional Delegated Act. This mandate is far from being adopted.
- Civil Dialogue Group on Horticulture:
  - According to the summary of the exchange between the Civil Dialogue Group on Horticulture hosted by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture, the executive presented the outline of the future revision of the packaging directive, which could introduce a ban of plastic packaging for fruit and vegetables.
- 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 take place on 13 June 2022.
  - The European Court of Auditors announced on 10 May the launch of an audit on the translation of the executive's objectives on battery production and access to the necessary raw materials.
- Critical Raw Materials:
  - The Commission is expected to come forward with a legislative proposal establishing a framework for critical raw materials.

- EU Standards for treatment of WEEE:
    - The decision to come forward with an implementing act setting European standards for the treatment of waste from electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) is provisionally expected to be taken during the second half of 2023.
  - WEEE Directive:
    - The work on the development of a Delegated act setting criteria for the assessment of equivalent conditions of treatment of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) in non-EU facilities is currently on hold.
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## Press Review & Reports

- **BusinessEurope - Digital Product Passport - a BusinessEurope position paper**
  - BusinessEurope published a [position paper](#) about the digital product passport.
- **EEB – Effort Sharing Regulation: MEPs vote for access to justice!**
  - The start of this week saw MEPs vote on revisions to the Effort Sharing Regulation, along with a number of other climate files key to the Fit for 55 Package. While not all the results were positive, MEPs were favourable to including articles on access to justice.
  - Read the full article [here](#).
- **World Meteorological Organization – State of the Global Climate 2021**
  - Greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere continue to rise - This is one of the conclusions of the State of the World's Climate report published on 18 May by the World Meteorological Organisation (part of the United Nations). By 2020, the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> had risen to 413.2 ppm, a 149% increase over pre-industrial levels, a record.
  - Read the full report [here](#).
- **ENDS - Infringements: Commission issues final warnings over RED and EED**
  - Eleven member states have received reasoned opinions over their failure to fully transpose key EU rules on renewable energy and energy efficiency, the European Commission announced on Thursday.
  - Read the full article [here](#).
- **ENDS - Environment committee approves major changes to CBAM and ETS proposals**
  - MEPs are gearing up for a tight plenary vote on two of the most important files in the Fit for 55 package after a slim majority on the environment committee (ENVI) pushed through key proposals on the scope and ambition of the emissions trading system (ETS).
  - Read the full article [here](#).
- **Recycling magazine - Slovakia has launched its Deposit Return System**
  - Since the launch of the DRS on the 1st of January 2022, Slovak citizens (5,5 Mio people) returned over 100 million plastic bottles and cans.

- Read the full article [here](#).
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## 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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## 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](mailto: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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