

# FEAD BULLETIN N° 87 - 8 July 2022



# **Communication, Networking and Future Events**

- FEAD will speak at "Latvia's Green Course in Waste Management", 25-26 August 2022.
- CAObH/ FEAD event in Prague (CZ), 22 September 202

# **Ongoing Surveys and Consultations**

#### • PPWD revision:

 Following our latest update on what emerged during the last workshop on the PPWD Revision organised by Eunomia

- and the European Commission, we believe it may be useful to provide a further input during the rewriting of the impact assessment.
- Considering that the Commission has the strong intention to set up EU obligation for DRS for PET bottles and aluminium cans (because of the data and evidence they have), FEAD needs to make a clear and common decision, on whether to oppose this choice (that seems inevitable) or try to improve it. For this reason, in <u>the document</u> you will find 2 different options.
- We kindly ask to provide your feedback and comments by 13th July 2022 COB.

## 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

# **Monitoring of EU Institutions**

#### **Life of EU institutions**

#### • RED II:

 A leak of the draft ITRE compromise amendments on RED (lead committee) are available <u>here</u>. The CA respect the current definitions of 'waste' and 'biomass' in line with <u>FEAD's position</u>, which was shared with the MEPs.

#### • CBAM:

First ever trialogue on carbon market set for 11 July.

 On the rest of the texts of the climate package, most of the trilogues will start in the autumn.

## • Early warning mechanism:

- The executive opened a public consultation on 5 July as part of its 'early warning mechanism', which assesses member states' performance in meeting waste recycling and landfill targets set out in several pieces of legislation.
- FEAD will prepare draft feedback.

## • Energy Tax Directive:

Rapporteur Johan Van Overtveldt of the eurosceptic CRE group is struggling to find compromises on the revised version of the 2003 directive. The Parliament only has a consultative role on this directive, which falls under fiscal competence and therefore leaves more room for action to the Member States in the Council. The experts of the latter are due to discuss a draft compromise from the Presidency on 19 July.

## • Energy Efficiency Directive:

 The ITRE <u>Compromise AM</u> on the Energy Efficiency Directive are available.

## • Czech presidency:

- On the agenda of the Environment Council on 24 October: exchanges of views on the directive on industrial emissions, the regulation on ecodesign, and the finalisation of preparations for the international meetings at the end of the year (COP27 on climate and COP15 on biodiversity).
- The meeting of the Environment Ministers on 20 December will be devoted, among other things, to the regulation on nature restoration and the Commission's latest legislative proposals, including the one on air quality.
- A progress report is also planned on the Waste Shipment Regulation, meaning that no conclusion of the dossier is envisaged under the Czech Presidency.

 Finally, the Ecodesign Regulation is on the agenda of the Competitiveness and Industry Council on 29 September.

#### • Environmental crime:

- A general orientation (Council position) on environmental crime is thus on the agenda of the Justice Ministers' meeting on 8 and 9 December.
- The EP Legal Affairs Committee, which is responsible for the substance of the matter, will hold a first exchange of views at its meeting on 13-14 July. It will then examine the draft report by Antonius Manders (EPP) on 26 September. MEPs will have until 5 October to table their amendments and will vote on 5 or 8 December.

## • Ecodesign Regulation:

 The Czech Presidency of the Council choice of entrusting the regulation establishing new ecodesign standards to the Ministers of Industry.

## • CLP Regulation:

- The amendment in question concerns the introduction of new hazard classes and new criteria of dangerousness, notably relating to endocrine disruptors. But to introduce this amendment to the CLP Regulation (and its Annex 1), the Commission explains, in a note presented to the Caracal expert group on 5 July, that it wants to go through secondary legislation. It considers that this amendment does not concern an "essential element" of the legislation, which entitles it to use a delegated act and not the ordinary legislative procedure, which includes the European Parliament and the Council of the EU.
- Other elements of the CLP Regulation will be revised by the ordinary procedure. The whole package is to be presented by the executive on 26 October, according to the provisional timetable.

#### REACH:

 The revision of the Reach regulation on chemicals, which was also announced for November before disappearing from the Commission's calendar, is this time scheduled for March 2023.

## Microplastics:

 Initially planned for November as part of the circular economy legislative package, this text is no longer on the College of Commissioners' indicative agenda.

## New Regulatory Framework for Batteries:

 Co-legislators are provisionally foreseen to hold the third round of interinstitutional negotiations in October 2022.

#### • Waste Framework Directive:

 The Commission is expected to present an Early Warning Report (EWR) assessing Member States' progress in the achievement of recycling targets. The expected Report is required under Article 11b of Directive 2008/98/EC on waste as amended by Directive (EU) 2018/851.

## **Press Review & Reports**

# ENDS - Battery sector warns against hazard label for lithium compounds

- Trade associations active in Europe's burgeoning rechargeable battery industry have urged European Commission officials to reject a recommendation to classify three lithium compounds as toxic to reproduction in line with regulators' advice.
- Read the full article here.

# ENDS - Interview: Environment minister Anna Hubáčková on what to expect from the Czech presidency

 As the Czech Republic takes over the rotating EU Council presidency from France, environment minister Anna

- Hubácková tells ENDS Europe about her green priorities for the coming semester.
- Read the full interview here.

## **Webinars & Conferences**

- Euractiv: Fit for 55: How can we REPower consumers for energy security and sustainability?
  - The Event will be held on 12 July 2022, 12.00 13.15
  - Register here.
- European Commission: Circular Week
  - The European Commission is planning its fifth Circular Week from 3 to 9 October 2022, a series of events and initiatives dedicated to Circular Economy taking place right across Europe.
  - Find out more here.

#### **FEAD** website - Reminder

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