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Communication, Networking and Future Events

- On 11 July, the European Waste Management Association organised a successful event on the ongoing Waste Shipment Regulation revision. Read the press release [here](#). Watch the live stream [here](#).
 - FEAD will speak at “Latvia's Green Course in Waste Management”, 25-26 August 2022.
 - CAObH/ FEAD event in Prague (CZ), 22 September 2022.
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Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Early Warning Report on Waste:**
 - On 4th July the Commission published a [call for evidence](#) about Early Warning Report on Waste, open for feedback by 1st August.
 - The EWR is meant as a warning mechanism to alert Member States. The EWR will provide a more detailed assessment of waste policy in Member States than the waste chapter included in the Environmental Implementation Report. This initiative does not propose any new policy objectives. It aims to support Member States to achieve the existing objectives and targets set in the '2018 waste package'.
 - If you have any questions, comments or remarks we should share as feedback, please write to aizea.astorhoschen@fead.be by **25 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

WSR:

- First [draft compromise](#) that the French Council Presidency sent to national delegations at the end of June, before handing over to the Czech Republic.

- The document deals only with the first two titles of the draft revision of the Waste Shipment Regulation.

RED

- The MEPs in the ITRE Committee adopted the draft report on the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive on 13 July with 54 votes in favour, 14 against and 6 abstentions.
- The report is due to be endorsed in plenary in September.

ETS & CBAM:

- First triilogue took place on 11 July.
- The next round is scheduled for the third week of August and the first week of September. This will be the time to start discussions on the technical aspects of both texts and to launch negotiations at political level on the rest of the climate package.

POPs:

- The EP Environment Committee approved on 12 July the EU compromise on persistent organic pollutants as agreed on 20 June between MEPs and the French Presidency of the EU Council (67 in favour, 7 against, one abstention).
- The text, which revises the concentration limits for several substances in waste, must now be approved in plenary before it is formally adopted and published in the Official Journal.

Ecodesign Regulation:

- Three parliamentary committees will be in charge
- The Environment Committee (ENVI) remains the lead committee on this regulation but will share the file with the Internal Market (IMCO) and Industry (ITRE) committees.
- IMCO will be in charge of the obligations of any actor on the European market (manufacturer, importer, distributor, online shopping platform, etc.), product conformity or market surveillance. It will also be associated with ENVI on several provisions relating to ecodesign criteria and the digital passport. And ITRE will join this parliamentary work for the parts of the regulation concerning labelling or performance requirements.

Construction Products Regulation:

- The Environment Committee takes over environmental requirements for construction products in the European Parliament.
- The Internal Market Committee (IMCO) remains the lead committee, but ENVI has been given exclusive powers over some parts of the text. This is the case for Article 22, which defines the environmental requirements for manufacturers and provides a framework for the declaration of the durability characteristics of construction products. The rapporteur of the ENVI Committee has not yet been appointed.
- The Parliament's position will be finalised in spring 2023. According to the [timetable](#) published on 13 July by the Internal Market Committee (IMCO), the rapporteur Christian Doleschal (EPP) will submit his draft report in November, before an exchange of views in committee on 28 or 29 of the same month. The rapporteurs then have three months to agree on compromise amendments. The vote in the Committee is scheduled for March.

IED:

- The revision of the directive on industrial emissions, published on 5 April and presented to MEPs in the Environment Committee on 12 July, received a generally positive reception from MEPs.
- Rapporteur Radan Kanev (EPP) called for simplifying the obligations of industries involved in meeting CO₂ emission reduction targets, such as battery plants. A compromise ruled out by Socialist Milan Brglez, for whom the reduction of polluting emissions is "just as fundamental for health" as that of greenhouse gases.

Financing:

- The European Commission [unveiled](#) on 12 July the [17 "innovative" projects](#) that will benefit from the third round of aid granted under the Innovation Fund, among others chemical recycling of plastics, batteries, or waste turned into hydrogen.

IED and emergency planning:

- The European Commission ready to "temporarily" relax environmental regulations to get through the winter.
 - Find [here](#) the emergency plan (and its [annex](#)) to reduce energy demand in anticipation of a possible disruption of Russian gas supplies in the autumn. To allow industries to switch energy sources, "if possible to [...] renewables", the executive will "temporarily" apply the "full flexibility" foreseen by the Industrial Emissions Directive. Article 30 of the IED limits the granting of such a derogation to ten days but provides for an exception in case of "imperative need to maintain energy supply".
 - The Commission also encourages Member States to prioritise critical industries in the energy supply chain, including those whose closure would have a negative environmental impact. The emergency plan is due to be approved by the College of Commissioners on 20 July.
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Press Review & Reports

- **Euractiv - Recycling cannot meet 100% of demand for packaging, EU official cautions**
 - While the European Commission aims to encourage the use of recycled materials in its upcoming packaging law, it also recognises that recycling has its limits and cannot meet all the demand.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
 - **DWMA - EU MAKES THE WORLD OF WASTE A BIT SMALLER**
 - The new Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR) makes it easier to transport waste within Europe, but shuts the door to exporting paper, board and metal outside the EU. 'This is at odds with the EU's plans for a circular economy,' says EuRIC spokesman Emmanuel Katrakis.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
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Webinars & Conferences

- Chemical Recycling Europe Annual Conference:
 - Join Chemical Recycling Europe in Brussels, the heart of Europe, on **13-14 October 2022** for the latest topics around the chemical recycling industry and its role in the European Circular Economy.
 - Find out more [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](#).
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