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Communication, Networking and Future Events

- On 27 July 2022, FEAD published a [press release](#) highlighting the potential of the waste industry to contribute to the EU's energy independence and to tackle climate change.
- FEAD will speak at “Latvia's Green Course in Waste Management”, 25-26 August 2022.
- CAObH/ FEAD event in Prague (CZ), 22 September 2022.
- **This will be the last bulletin before the summer break, which we will resume in September. In the meantime, the FEAD**

team wishes you all sunny and relaxing summer days.



Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Follow-up from the COP 15 of the Basel Convention**
 - In follow-up from the COP 15 of the Basel Convention, Parties and observers have been [invited](#) to submit feedback on several topics. You can find all the information [online](#).
 - POP waste:
 - The COP decided to continue working towards a review of provisional low POP content values in the general technical guidelines and other technical guidelines, as appropriate, before COP 16 (8-19 May 2023, Bahamas). It also decided to update the general technical guidelines and the specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention by decision SC-10/13.
 - The meeting documents are also available [here](#).

- Please let us know by **30 September 2022** if you would like to comment on the technical guidelines.
- Plastic waste management:
 - COP 15 published the **draft updated technical guidelines** on the environmentally sound management of plastic wastes (UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.7/Rev.1).
 - Please let us know by **1 September 2022** if you have any general comments and/or textual proposals you would like to share with the BC Secretariat.
- ESM:
 - COP invited Parties and others to undertake activities to use, promote and disseminate the **toolkit on environmentally sound management** and invited Parties and others to provide the Secretariat with information on the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes, in particular, activities, initiatives and case studies that may promote implementation and complement the toolkit (item 2.a).
 - Please let us know if you would like to submit any feedback.
- PIC procedure:
 - Parties and observers were invited to submit feedback on how to improve the prior informed consent procedure (item 1.b).
 - Please let us know if you would like to submit feedback to the Basel Convention and if so, please provide us with possible further/more detailed information (challenges, best practices, possible approaches) we could share by **31 October COB**.
- **EoW criteria for plastic waste**
 - The JRC decided to exceptionally extend the deadline for the submission of the Survey on EoW criteria for plastic waste, until 31 August 2022.
 - On Tuesday 31st May we attended the kick-off meeting for the development of EU-wide End-of-Waste criteria for mechanically recycled plastic waste.

- Following the meeting on Friday 24 June we prepared the [draft answers](#) to the JRC survey, including the comments received by the participants.
 - Please send us your feedback by **18 August COB.**
- **Preliminary draft structure of a new version of the CPA classification**
 - In May 2022, the European Statistical System Committee endorsed the structure of the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (NACE) Rev. 2.1. As a result, the statistical classification of products by activity (CPA), which is structurally linked to NACE, will need to be aligned to this new NACE version.
 - Stakeholders are invited to analyse this [preliminary draft structure](#) of a new version of the CPA classification and suggest any additional proposals for new breakdowns, mergers or restructuring.
 - Once finalised, the new CPA is expected to enter into force in 2025.
 - Please provide us with comments **by 16 September COB.**
- **Questionnaire on the Waste Framework Directive revision**
 - The Commission is carrying out an impact assessment in preparation for the revision of the WFD and published an on-line questionnaire open for feedback until 16th August.
 - The objectives of the revision are to limit waste generation, increase re-use, and increase cost-efficient preparing for re-use and quality recycling, including for waste oils and textiles. As part of this impact assessment, the Commission will also examine policy options related to the setting of EU-level targets for food waste reduction.
 - Please, find here the draft questionnaire: many of the questions are addressed only to “individuals or households”, therefore we answered only to the ones that are of our interest (highlighted in green).
 - We kindly ask to provide your feedback and comments by **10th August 2022 COB.**

- **Liquid mercury waste – temporary storage pending treatment for final disposal**
 - The European Commission published the [draft delegated regulation](#) on Liquid mercury waste.
 - EU legislation allows liquid mercury waste to be temporarily stored in dedicated landfills, pending treatment for final disposal, until 31 December 2022. As the EU still has significant stocks awaiting proper treatment, the Commission intends to extend the temporary storage period until 31 December 2025.
 - The issue was discussed in the last Committee 5 meeting, where members agreed on the need of an extension, which should however not be too long.
 - The draft delegated act is out for consultation until 16 August.
 - If there are further comments, we kindly ask you to provide feedback by **10 August 2021 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
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Monitoring of EU Institutions

[Life of EU institutions](#)

[Batteries Regulation:](#)

- The Council's Working Party on the Environment is scheduled to meet on 26 July 2022.

EU Standardisation request: recycled plastics

- Member States experts voted in favour of the [final draft Commission Implementing Decision](#) on a standardisation request concerning plastic recycling and recycled plastics.

REACH:

- After having read the working guidelines presented by the European Commission to the CARACAL experts at the beginning of July, Renew MEPs, Martin Hojsík, Frédérique Ries and Véronique Trillet-Lenoir expressed their concerns to Commissioners Breton, Sinkevičius and Timmermans in a letter dated 14 July.
- The MEPs express their disagreement with possible derogations to the restrictions, which could be based on the concept of "minimum exposure".
- The Commission explains in a working document that while "any request for derogation should be limited to essential uses", it is currently assessing "the need to exclude [a substance] from restrictions, in certain exceptional cases, on the basis of minimum exposure throughout the life cycle".
- This approach goes according to the Renew MEPs that "against the reform that the Parliament asked you to present, but also against the essence of your own strategy [on the sustainability of chemicals]", and call for "making the generic risk approach the default option".

Liquid mercury waste:

- The European Commission proposes to maintain the derogation for the storage of liquid mercury waste until 31 December 2025.
- The 2017 Mercury Regulation provides for a derogation (Art. 13), valid until 31 December 2022, allowing the temporary storage of mercury waste in liquid form in landfills for solidification and subsequent disposal. This was justified due to limited capacities in the conversion of mercury in relation to the quantity of waste.
- According to the Commission, after a survey in April 2022, there are still more than 2,300 tonnes of mercury waste in liquid form in storage in the EU waiting to be solidified. The Commission

considers that the extension of the derogation "ensures that the waste remains in storage under environmentally safe landfill conditions".

Chemical recycling:

- Chemical recycling of plastics raises questions in the USA.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been **working** for almost a year on how to regulate pyrolysis and gasification technologies.
- On 14 July, in parallel with the action of several **NGOs**, Democrat representatives from the Senate and the House of Representatives urged the agency to maintain the categorisation of these technologies as "waste combustion". The elected officials also said they were "disappointed" that the EPA has included chemical recycling in the National Recycling Strategy. "Instead of leading to the recovery of plastic and supporting the transition to a circular economy, pyrolysis and gasification lead to the release of more harmful pollutants and greenhouse gases," they **wrote**.

International Plastics Agreement:

- On 18 July, the Commission presented a **draft negotiating mandate** to the experts of the EU-27 to represent the Union in the negotiations that will begin at the end of 2022.
- According to the mandate, the Commission should work to ensure that the agreement
 - recognises eco-design and sustainability as core principles;
 - focuses on plastics "responsible for the majority of waste generation";
 - addresses the elimination of substances that compromise the "sustainability and circularity" of plastics;
 - emphasises separate collection, the waste hierarchy and extended producer responsibility systems; and
 - pays "particular attention" to microplastics.
- The Commission lists a series of provisions that are essential to the treaty, including financial support.
- Jyoti Mathur-Filipp will oversee the international negotiations as announced by the Executive Director of the United Nations

Environment Programme (UNEP), Inger Andersen.

- The first negotiation session will take place from 28 November to 2 December 2022 in Punta del Este, Uruguay.
 - Governments are invited to designate their "contact points" for the negotiations.
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Press Review & Reports

- **European Commission - 8th Environment Action Programme: EU sets out to measure progress on Green Deal environment and climate goals**
 - The Commission presented a list of headline indicators for monitoring progress towards the EU's environment and climate goals to 2030, as well as the 2050 long-term vision to 'live well, within planetary boundaries'.
 - Read the full press release [here](#).
- **European Commission - Study to develop options for rules on recycled plastic content for the implementing act related to single-use plastic bottles under Directive (EU) 2019/904**
 - Read the full study [here](#).
- **Euractiv - PET downcycling is not circularity – the case for closed-loop recycling**
 - To promote closed-loop recycling, European policy-makers should create these main policy conditions, at a minimum, in the revised EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD):
 - Mandatory minimum requirements for Deposit Refund Schemes (DRS), facilitating the roll-out of efficient waste collection schemes and the achievement of the EU separate collection targets.
 - A mechanism preventing the downcycling of food-grade quality packaging into other (non-circular) applications while ensuring that each sector should close its own loop. In the case of beverage bottles, this would mean granting beverage producers fair and necessary access

to the food-grade recycled materials derived from the beverage containers they put on the market and which were successfully collected and recycled through the waste collection schemes they finance.

- Read the full article [here](#).
 - **Recycling magazine - Recycling rates drop in over half of local authorities in England**
 - A new study finds that 53% of local authorities in England have seen a drop in household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting over the last five years.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
 - **Recycling magazine - Successful start for pilot line for post-consumer textile recycling**
 - Lounais-Suomen Jätehuolto (LSJH) in Paimio, Finland, has successfully started up a new Andritz pilot line for research and development work on post-consumer textile recycling.
 - The Exel tearing machine for post-consumer textile waste can process up to 500 kg/h for spinning quality and up to 1 t/h for nonwoven fiber quality. The entire process is designed to ensure the total absence of metallic material in the fibers and remove hard, non-textile items using cleaning devices, highly sensitive metal traps, and metal detectors.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
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Webinars & Conferences

- The European CCS Industry Summit
 - **14 – 15 September 2022** in London, UK
 - Find out more [here](#).
- International Congress for Battery Recycling ICBR 2022
 - **14-16 September** in Salzburg, Austria
 - Find out more [here](#).
- 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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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 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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