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Back to the office. In our first Bulletin following the summer break we bring to you all the latest news on **circular economy** in Europe and beyond.

EU Institutions Monitoring

Climate Package - Effort Sharing Regulation

ESR: Negotiations on setting targets for CO₂ emissions reductions by sector and by Country are now starting at a technical level between the Council, the Commission and the European Parliament. During a meeting held on 1 September, negotiators presented their positions and agreed to hold the next political triologue on ESR during October.

Raw Materials: Following the EU Commission's announcement that it is preparing legislation on critical raw materials to revive mining in Europe and increase recycling, the Czech Presidency has asked EU capitals to identify the "main bottlenecks" in terms of raw material availability and to explain the actions taken to "ensure recycling, the use of recycled content and the reuse of products".

Whilst outlining his vision for the future of Europe, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz advocated in late August for common standards for the transition to a true European circular economy, in a bid to put an end to Europe's "unilateral dependence" on raw materials.

Soil Health: The European Commission opened on 1 August, a 12-week public consultation, calling on stakeholders to submit feedback on the upcoming Soil Health Law

(SHL) proposal. The latter aims at further complementing the Nature Restoration Law and is in line with EU climate change mitigation and adaptation actions. The EC has identified five types of land uses that may be regulated: agricultural, industrial, forestry, wetlands and artificial and built-up areas. It also asked stakeholders about the types of obligations that could be imposed on the EU-27 in order to achieve the objectives of the 2021 strategy.

Microplastics: On 30 August, the Commission released a draft proposal to restrict added microplastics. The restriction would target microplastics that are preventable, such as synthetic turf, microplastics in cosmetics, detergents, pesticides, and sports fields that are used on intention and may result in environmental release.

Protection of the environment through criminal law: The EU Parliament's Development Committee examined on 30 August, the draft opinion of green MEP Caroline Roose on the protection of the environment through criminal law. The absence of an autonomous definition of environmental offences has raised questions among Europe's lawmakers.

Discussions on the draft directive aimed at protecting the environment through criminal law will also take place on 7 September in the Council of the EU's Working Party on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters (COPEN).

Ecodesign

In a draft [proposal](#) published earlier this week, the European Commission's regulators are introducing new rules for mobile phone and tablet reparability and spare parts availability. The Commission's move to force manufacturers to make more durable and easy to repair products, aims at reducing e-waste and improve recycling rates, as well as the reuse of materials needed to manufacturer devices. The draft texts are under consultation until September 28.

Waste Shipment Regulation

The EP is set to resume negotiations on waste exports. Rapporteur Pernille Weiss (EPP) and the Environment Committee's shadow rapporteurs will meet on 7 September to resume their talks on the revision of the Waste Shipment Regulation.

EU Standardisation request: recycled plastics

The Commission adopted its [Implementing Decision](#) on a standardisation request concerning plastic recycling and recycled plastics on 1 August. The measure requests the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) and the European Committee for

Electrotechnical Standardisation (CENELEC) to draft new and revise existing European standards on plastics recycling and recycled plastic in support of the implementation of the European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy.

REACH:

In a bid to reduce reliance on chemical pesticides, the European Commission adopted, on 31 August, new rules to increase the availability of and access to biological plant protection products for use in fields, designed to speed up the approval process for microbial-based products. The new rules will come into effect in November 2022.

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. The first negotiation session on an international agreement for plastic solution will take place from 28 November to 2 December 2022 in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

On 23 August, the Commission's chief, Ursula von der Leyen announced the death of Mauro Petriccione, the head of the European Union's climate division.

Petriccione was a leading figure in shaping European climate policies, and headed the European Commission's DG Climate since 2018.

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, before COP 16. 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](#).
 - **REMINDER:** 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 [8 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:
 - **REMINDER:** 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 Commission has launched a call for tender for a study on end-of-waste criteria for construction and demolition waste, which will also feed into the work on the development of specific EU-wide end-of-waste criteria. Tender's contractors are expected to finalise their study during the first half of 2024.
 - **Preliminary draft structure of a new version of the CPA classification**
 - **REMINDER:** Please provide us with *comments* on the [preliminary draft structure](#) of a new version of the CPA classification [by 16 September COB](#).
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Call for Speakers

Following up on an invitation by [Chemical Watch](#) to the *Product Sustainability Summit 2022*, FEAD is calling for a **speaker/expert** to participate at the in-person conference scheduled for **24-25 October** in Amsterdam.

The speaker will present on “**Traceability from a recycler’s perspective including the role of the SCIP dissemination portal**” (including best practice or other relevant initiatives).

- Please provide us with the name of interested persons by [13 September COB](#).
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Press Review & Reports

- **ENDS - Europe can phase out Russian oil without import surge.** A new [study](#) published in August by the Brussels-based green group T&E has found that the EU could end its dependency on Russian oil imports, and also cut its total oil demand by a third by 2030, through energy efficiency measures, electrification and tax reforms.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
- **Barratt Homes - The UK’s recycling guilty secrets.** A new report conducted by Barratt Homes has revealed that 71% of Brits admitted to putting recyclable items into the regular waste bin despite knowing these items can be recycled. The survey collected responses from 2,000 UK residents from 17 major UK cities.
 - Read the full report [here](#).
- **ENDS - ‘Room for improvement’ in EU nature restoration plan, say green groups.** Brussels’ four largest environmental groups have called on states and MEPs to strengthen the key targets within the European Commission’s proposal to halt and reverse the decline of the natural world, citing that there’s still room for improvement in EU’s nature restoration plan.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
- **Recycling magazine - Countries aim to end plastic pollution by 2040.** In a bid to put an end to plastic pollution, that has reached unprecedented levels and is projected to rise significantly in the next decades, 20 countries decided in late August, to take collective action. Launched by the governments of Rwanda and Norway, the so-called High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution is set to meet in New York in a few weeks, during the UNGA.
 - Read the full article [here](#).

- **ENDS - Economic turmoil spells trouble for recyclers, company warns.** The Norway-based recycling company Geminor has voiced concerns over a decline in the demand for recycled paper that can be attributed to the "dramatic fall" in general consumption. A slowdown in exporting paper for recycling outside of Europe – linked to bottlenecks in shipping capacity – has also contributed to lower prices.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
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Upcoming Events of/with FEAD

[12-16 September](#), Geneva

[RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting](#): Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

[22 September](#), Prague

Public Conference on "Energy and material security", co-organised by CAObH and FEAD

[4 October](#), Strasbourg

Parliamentary dinner organised ahead of the revision of the WFD.

Co-organised by FEAD with EURiC, CEWEP, Municipal Waste Europe.

Notice: not open to the public

[24-25 October](#), Amsterdam

Public conference "Product Sustainability Summit 2022" – **a FEAD representative to be a speaker**

[15-16 November](#), Rotterdam

Public conference on Paper and Plastic recycling – **a FEAD representative to be a speaker**

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:
 - **13-14 October 2022** in Brussels, Belgium
 - Find out more [here](#).
- European Commission: Circular Week
 - **3-9 October 2022** in Brussels, Belgium
 - Find out more [here](#).

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