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### EU INSTITUTIONS MONITORING

**Renewable Energy Directive (RED) - Amendment:** With the Czech Presidency pushing for an agreement before the end of its mandate, the first negotiation trilogue on the renewables directive is scheduled for 6 October. The EP's negotiating team would be made up of the ITRE Committee Rapporteur Markus Pieper (EPP, Germany), Shadow Rapporteurs, and MEP Cristian-Silviu Buşoi (EPP, Romania) as the Chair of the Committee responsible for the file.

**Emissions Trading System (ETS):** Lawmakers of the EU Parliament's ENVI Committee rejected on 28 September a proposal to flood the EU carbon market with emissions allowances held in a market stability reserve (MSR) to raise money for energy infrastructure needed to end dependency on Russian fossil fuels. Next trilogue is scheduled for 10 October.

**Liquid Mercury Waste:** On 23 September, the EU Commission adopted its delegated [regulation](#) on liquid mercury waste that allows it to be temporarily stored in dedicated landfills, pending treatment for final disposal, until 31 December 2022. As the EU still has significant stocks of liquid mercury waste awaiting proper treatment, the Commission intends to extend the temporary storage period until 31 December 2025.

### **Chemicals:**

- **Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulation:** The European Chemical Agency's (ECHA), Risk Assessment Working Group on Harmonised Classification and Labelling (RAC CLH) is scheduled to discuss France's proposal to introduce an harmonised classification and labelling of tert-butyl-2-ethylperoxyhexanoate (TBPEH - it is used as an initiator (radical source) for the high pressure polymerization of monomers) in late October, EU Issue Tracker reported.
- **CLP and REACH:** Lawmakers of the EU parliament's Renew, S&Ds, the Greens and the Left group are pushing the EU Executive on the REACH and CLP regulations revision. In a [letter](#) shared on Twitter on 29 September, Pascal Canfin, the president of the EP's ENVI committee stressed that the revisions "shouldn't be delayed".

**Critical Raw Materials:** According to a [document](#) published by Contexte, France and Germany have recommended reducing the vulnerability of European manufacturers by 2030, among other things by establishing " an early warning system to anticipate shortages of strategic inputs, by introducing regular obligations for the exchange of information ". They also stressed the need to promote "the highest level of European environmental and social standards", regardless of the origin of raw materials".

The news outlet also reported that the Commission will launch in the coming weeks a public consultation on future legislation on critical raw materials, with the presentation of the draft legislation expected in early 2023. Read FEAD's [reaction](#) to the Commission's announcement of a Critical Raw Materials Act.

**Ecodesign Regulation:** It was on the agenda of the EU economy minister's meeting on 29 September. Progress is expected to be little, sources told Contexte. Ministers will mostly guide the work at a "technical level", with the topics of setting the scope (the products covered) and the requirements (recyclability, repairability, recycled content) expected to be the "main issues" of the negotiations. The Council's Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth is scheduled to meet on 7 October 2022 to hold an exchange of views on the Commission's [proposal](#).

**Effort Sharing Regulation (ESR):** The second round of inter-institutional (trilogue) negotiations on the ESR revision will take place on 11 October.

**Single-use plastics:** On 28 September, the EU Commission [announced](#) it had taken legal steps against 11 Member States, calling on them to step up the implementation of the Single-Use Plastics Directive in order to reduce the impact of certain plastic products on the environment and on human health. Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Ireland, France, Croatia, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, and Finland - have not communicated to the Commission the measures necessary to ensure the full transposition of the Directive.

**Non-Recycled Plastic Packaging Waste as Own Resource:** On 28 September, the Commission [published](#) its draft implementing Regulation establishing the format for reporting non-recycled plastic packaging waste as an own resource. It aims at establishing the format for reporting statistical data required for the calculation of national contributions based on the amount of non-recycled plastic waste produced.

**Protection of the environment through criminal law:** The Council's Working Party on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters (COPEN) met on 28 September 2022, to discuss several articles, including the Commission's proposal on individuals who commit environmental crimes in the EU, and on member-states' capacity prevent, investigate, and prosecute environmental criminal offences. A [draft](#) compromise acquired by Contexte, reads that the most serious offences listed in the Commission's draft directive, could be punishable by five years in prison, while the rest, by three years. These thresholds are, at least, those that win membership in the Council of the EU.

**Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM):** Political negotiations on CBAM between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission will resume on 4 October, Contexte reported.

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## IN AND OUT

- **Simona Bonafè**, the MEP of the S&D group has left her post in the EU parliament, after being elected on 25 September, with Italy's Democratic party. Bonafè joined the EP in 2014 and was serving as a rapporteur to the ENVI committee for the regulations on batteries and the ecodesign of products.
  - On 28 September, the European Commission appointed **Alexandre Paquot** as Director of Innovation for a Low Carbon at its Directorate-General for Climate.  
The EU Executive also appointed two other directors for its DG Clima: **Diana Acconcia** for "International Affairs and Climate Finance" and **Elina Bardram** for "Adaptation, Resilience, Communication and Civil Society Relations", Contexte reported.
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## LAST CALL FOR EXPERTS

FEAD is looking for **experts** to participate in the Partner Expert Group (PEG) for updating the Guidance on the Application of the CLP criteria for hazards to the aquatic environment, on **19 December** 2022. If interested, please contact us by [30 September 2022](#).

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## FEAD EVENTS CALENDAR

- 15-16 November, Rotterdam: Public conference on Paper and Plastic recycling – **FEAD representative to be a speaker**
  - 16 November, Brussels: 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ADR - [Informal Working Group on the Transport of Hazardous Waste](#), dedicated to the transport of asbestos waste in bulk.
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## ONLINE SURVEYS & CONSULTATIONS

- **Plastic Packaging:** The Commission wants to ensure that the annual statements that Member States send on the amount generated by this own resource introduced in 2021 are comparable and based on the same statistics.  
The deadline to submit feedback on the EC draft act is [4 October 2022](#).
- **Revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED):**  
On 5 April 2022, the Commission adopted [proposals](#) for revised EU measures to

address pollution from large industrial installations. Following its publication, the proposal was sent to the European Parliament and the Council for examination. We prepared a draft of the amendments based on the [feedback](#) we sent on 23 June 2022. We kindly ask you to send us your comments by [07 October 2022](#).

- **Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) of Substances and Mixtures Regulation revision:**

The deadline to provide us with *feedback* on the Commission's draft act on introducing new hazard classes and their criteria into the CLP Regulation for its adaptation to technical and scientific progress, is set to [10 October 2022](#).

- **Ship recycling – European list of ship recycling facilities:**

The Commission's initiative on the updated list of approved ship recycling facilities is open for feedback until [17 October 2022](#).

- **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](#).

- Waste containing POPs:

**REMINDER:** Deadline to *comment* on the technical guidelines is by [30 September 2022 COB](#).

**REMINDER:** If interested in submitting *feedback* to the Basel Convention, please provide us with possible further/more detailed information (challenges, best practices, possible approaches) by [31 October COB](#).

- ESM:

Please let us know if you would like to submit any *feedback*.

- Establishing de minimis concentration values, concentration limit values and cut-off values should be established in Annex III.

Please provide us with your *feedback* by [10 October 2022 COB](#).

- PIC:

Deadline to fill in the joint [survey](#) by FEAD and EERA on the introduction of PIC procedure for shipments of non-hazardous electronic waste between the EU and other OECD countries is [14 October 2022 COB](#).

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## PRESS REVIEW & REPORTS

Quantifying environmentally relevant and circular plastic innovation: A

European Standards support the

European Strategy for Plastic in a

Circular Economy: On 2 August 2022,

the European Commission notified to CEN

working paper published earlier in September by OECD develops an innovative conceptual framework to document and map environmentally relevant plastics innovation. Using this framework, it develops plastics innovation metrics using patents and trademarks to quantify trends over time, across countries, and to establish preliminary empirical links between policies and innovation outcomes. *Read more from [OECD](#).*

**Climate impact of pyrolysis of waste plastic packaging in comparison with reuse and mechanical recycling:** In the context of the revision of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD), A study commissioned by Zero Waste Europe and the Rethink Plastic alliance showed that, in all scenarios considered, over 75% of the total GHG emissions are attributable to chemical recycling. The study compared seven scenarios for the future of plastic packaging in the EU from a climate perspective, following the projected amounts of recycled plastics needed by 2030. *Read more from [Öko-Institut \(Institute for Applied Ecology\)](#).*

**A new CEN standard ensures integrity and accountability in public procurement:** CEN/TC 461 "Public Procurement" develops standards in the field of public procurement. Since its inception in 2019, the TC's main task has been the development of a new standard,

and CENELEC the new [Standardization Request on plastics recycling and recycled plastics](#), in support of the European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy. The Standardization Request – welcomed by CEN and CENELEC Technical Boards – is the result of two intense years of cooperation with the European Commission and the relevant stakeholders. *Read more from [CEN and CENELEC](#).*

**Thai proposal to phase out plastic waste imports:** Varawut Silpa-archa, Thailand's Natural Resources and Environment Minister, has announced plan to gradually reduce the import of plastic waste leading to a complete ban in 2025. The plan will work differently for two categories of plants, depending on whether they are inside and outside of Free Trade Zones. The fourteen plants located inside these zones will be able to import scrap based on their actual production capacities in 2023 and will be limited to 50% of this amount in 2024. For companies outside these zones, a panel must approve any plans to import plastic scrap. Both categories will be banned from plastic scrap imports in 2025. *Read more from [Bangkok Post](#).*



EN 17687: 2022 "Public Procurement - Integrity and accountability - Requirements and guidance", which has finally seen the light. *Read more* from [CEN and CENELEC](#).

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## TWEETS OF THE WEEK



Energetická a surovinová bezpečnost vs. evropské cíle? Konference s účastí zástupce DG Envi otevřela debatu mezi Evropskou komisí a zástupci průmyslu.  
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Energy and raw material security vs. European goals? The conference, attended by a representative of DG Envi, opened a debate between the European Commission and industry representatives.  
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⚡ #TTE Energy | DEAL! ☀️ Ministers reached a political agreement on measures to mitigate high electricity prices: mandatory electricity demand reduction, cap on market revenues from inframarginal electricity producers and solidarity contribution from fossil fuels producers.



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## WEBINARS & CONFERENCES

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

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