



PETER LIESE
GERMAN MEP, RAPPORTEUR
EU EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM (EU ETS)



BULLETIN N° 96 - 14 October 2022

Hello from Brussels. As always, we bring to you all the latest news on **circular economy** in Europe and beyond. This week we have the key takeaways from FEAD's presentation in the European Parliament's public hearing on Construction products.

Before you continue, make sure you do not miss out on our latest news 📌

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER



Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR): Rapporteurs held a meeting on 12 October, to discuss several political issues, including but not limited to, export restrictions and conditions, possible exemptions, as well as the fate of plastic waste.

Ahead of the meeting, FEAD echoed and bolstered the last OECD Trade and Environment [Working Paper](#) from on reverse supply chains for a resource efficient and circular economy, which fully reflects the concerns raised by the waste management

industry along the past years, and more recently in conjunction with the ongoing revision of the EU Waste Shipment Regulation.

What is more, along with 5 other European associations, FEAD co-signed a [coalition position](#), highlighting the opportunities of a revised WSR for the facilitation of intra-EU shipments with the aim of transitioning to a circular economy and increasing the traceability of plastic waste.

Emissions Trading System (ETS): The trilogue on 10 October divided Europe's lawmakers, leaving many green MEPs unsatisfied with the outcome. Despite an agreement on two technical aspects of the proposal to revise the ETS, there is yet to make progress on the major issues. According to information by Contexte, the issue of extending the ETS to waste incineration activities was on the agenda. "There is a Council provision, which the Commission supports, that before [including incineration] an impact assessment must be carried out. It is also in parliament's mandate, but perhaps we need to discuss the wording. But without a clear signal that incineration will be included in some time, I am not ready to conclude this negotiation", said EP negotiator, Peter Liese.

In a written [statement](#) issued the same day, Liese stated: "The trilogue was successful but it is of course only a first step and major items are not mature to take a decision. I encourage everybody to look at compromises and move from the original positions. Our common understanding is that an agreement under Czech presidency is possible but to finally arrive there, we need efforts and readiness for compromise from all three institutions."

On Friday, 14 October, EU ambassadors got a debriefing on the outcome of the trilogues, as another round of talks will reportedly be held on 10 November.

Renewable Energy Directive (RED) - Amendment: Following the first trilogue on the renewables directive held on 6 October, the positions of the EU institutions outlined in the so-called 4-columns document were [published](#). The documents will serve as the technical negotiation basis for the REDII and the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED). Concerning the first one, the next trilogue is scheduled for 9 November, while for the EED on 22 November.

Batteries Regulation: In the latest trilogue, lawmakers were able to "agree on a majority of the sustainability requirements" on the [batteries regulation](#), an EU official told ENDS. The Council and MEPs "reached a common understanding on further work on due

diligence provisions and management of waste batteries.” A key aspect of the proposal is the recycled content targets, which would require manufacturers to use progressively more recovered material in their products.

Another source told the news outlet that government delegates had maintained a key “red line” – that the regulation should have a dual legal basis. It would thus be based not only on internal market law (article 114 of the EU treaty), as proposed by the Commission, but also article 192, the main legal basis for EU environmental measures.

A fourth round of talks has been scheduled for 9 December, and there is “a commitment on all sides to try to make the next political trilogue the last one”, the official added.

Chemicals:

1. Classification, labelling and packaging of Substances and Mixtures Regulation

revision (CLP): The Commission has made available an [Impact Assessment](#) (IA) for the CLP regulation revision to accompany the [draft](#) delegated regulation introducing new hazard classes in the CLP.

2. REACH: The REACH Committee is scheduled to discuss on 26-27 October, the Commission's [draft regulation](#) restricting lead in PVC.

In the meantime, 52 European associations co-signed a [manifesto](#) encouraging governments to urge EU Member States and the Commission to ban all PFAS in consumer products by 2025 and to have a complete ban by **2030**.

Construction Products Regulation (CPR): On 10 October, the EU Parliament's IMCO committee had a public hearing on the CRP. FEAD was invited to join the discussions, contributing with a presentation on "the importance of the waste management industry in the circularity of construction products". *Scroll down* for the key takeaways from our presentation.

Effort Sharing Regulation (ESR): The second round of inter-institutional (trilogue) negotiations on the ESR revision was held on 11 October.

Industrial Emissions Directive (IED): The Czech presidency on 7 October issued a [note](#) to facilitate future policy debates on the Commission's proposal for the revision of EU rules on IED, ahead of the COREPER meeting on 12 and 14 October 2022, and for the ENV Council meeting on 24 October.

Protection of the environment through criminal law: During a Justice and Home Affairs Council held on 13 October, ministers assessed the Czech Presidency's recent [progress report](#) on the progress made at technical level on the Commission's [revision](#) of the Environmental Criminal Law. The ENV Council will hear from the Council Presidency on 24 October 2022, at the request of the Commission. The Presidency aims to reach an overall general approach on this text at the December Justice and Home Affairs Council.

Sewage Sludge Directive (SSD): The Joint Research Center published its [study](#) on sewage sludge management on 10 October 2022 that includes the results of the risk screening assessment of organic pollutants and environmental impacts from sewage sludge management. In particular, it calculated the concentrations of various contaminants in soil, surface water and food, following intermittent sewage sludge applications and estimated the human exposure from food consumption. The study is expected to support policy developments on the SSD.

Methane Emissions: The European Parliament's ENVI and ITRE Committees held discussions on the draft report on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector. Lawmakers of the joint lead committees have until 19 October to table amendments to the draft report, while their next meeting is scheduled for 24-25 October.

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM): During the latest meeting of the ENVI Committee on 10 October, Pascal Canfin, the chair of the Committee, reported back to ENVI lawmakers on the outcome of the second trilogue on the CBAM proposal that took place on 4 October. In particular, Canfin stated that this round of inter-institutional negotiations mainly covered the scope of the CBAM and governance issues, stressing that the EP and Council negotiators have found areas of possible agreement in these two aspects of the proposal.

Social Climate Fund (SCF): On 13 October, the [Social Climate Fund](#), the instrument that will provide funding to Member States to support measures and investments in increased energy efficiency of buildings, decarbonisation of heating and cooling of buildings, including the integration of energy from renewable sources, and granting improved access to zero- and low-emission mobility and transport, entered the trialogues phase, Contexte reported.

Earlier in the week, 38 climate and social organisations had asked negotiators to maintain the €72.2 billion (over 8 years) SFC budget, as proposed by the Commission. Any cuts in

the fund's budget could jeopardise EU efforts to address the parallel social, climate and energy security crises, the organisations said in their [joint letter](#).



FEAD was invited to the **EP's IMCO committee hearing on the Construction Products Regulation (CPR)** on 10 October, during which, it outlined the importance of the waste management industry in the circularity of Construction Products.

You can find **FEAD's presentation** [here](#) and the whole **IMCO hearing** [here](#).



- **Alessandra Moretti**, Italian MEP, has been appointed by her group (S&Ds) as rapporteur in the EP's ENVI committee, taking over from Simona Bonafè, who left her EU post following her national election in Italy, Contexte reported. [Moretti](#) will be in charge of the ecodesign regulation, with the publication of the draft report expected at the beginning of December.



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. The deadline to send us your comments has been extended to [14 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](#).

Waste from electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE): The Commission has opened a call for evidence for an evaluation of its initiative that aims at assessing the progress made under the Directive on waste from electrical and electronic equipment. Deadline to send us your feedback is [21 October 2022](#).

Critical Raw Materials (CRM) Act: The Commission has opened a public consultation on its future legislation on ensuring an increase and diversification of its critical raw materials supplies. Deadline to submit feedback on the EC draft legislation is [25 November 2022](#).

Revision of EU rules on food contact materials: The Commission has opened a public consultation on its initiative related to food safety policy. This includes rules on food contact materials (e.g. food packaging, kitchen and tableware and food processing equipment) and is part of the Farm-to-Fork strategy. The deadline to submit feedback on the EC regulation proposal is [11 January 2023](#).

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](#).

- **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*.
- [PIC:](#)

REMINDER: 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](#).



- 10 November: UNECE · Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15). - **FEAD representative to be a speaker**
- 15-16 November, Rotterdam: Public conference on Paper and Plastic recycling – **FEAD representative to be a speaker**
- 16 November, Brussels: 6th meeting of the ADR - **Informal Working Group on the Transport of Hazardous Waste**, dedicated to the transport of asbestos waste in bulk.



Council and European Parliament agree on adapting EU standardisation rules:

rules: The Council and the European Parliament today reached a provisional political agreement on the proposal to amend the European standardisation regulation. The regulation lays down procedures for developing harmonised standards within the EU. These harmonised standards make it easier to place products on the single market and thereby strengthen the EU's competitiveness. Read more from the [Council of the EU](#).

Spain pulls out of energy treaty over climate concerns: Spain has begun the process of withdrawing from the Energy

ETS trilogue ends with little

progress: MEPs and member states have reached an agreement on two technical aspects of the proposal to revise the emissions trading system (ETS) but are yet to make progress on the major issues. *Read more from [ENDS](#).*

Batteries regulation delayed by

wrangling over legal basis: The latest round of talks between the European Parliament and the EU Council over a regulation on sustainable batteries ended with “significant progress”, but also a clear red line from governments on its legal basis that MEPs hope could secure them a raft of concessions. The issue took up some three hours of the full-day

Charter Treaty, its minister for the ecological transition said on 12 October. Teresa Ribera said that a process to reduce the pact's protections for fossil fuel projects had brought "no improvements." *Read more from [POLITICO](#).*

discussion on Tuesday. *Read more from [ENDS](#).*



**Peter Liese MEP**
@peterliese

Successful [#trilogue](#) on [#ETS](#). Mainly obtained solutions to avoid carbon leakage, which means to protect jobs in industry. My statement bit.ly/3RQdRXN [@EPPGroup](#)



4:40 PM · Oct 10, 2022 · Twitter Web App

**Assoambiente**
@assoambiente

Come puntare sui [#rifiuti](#) per ridurre i consumi di energia e diversificare le fonti: l'approfondimento di [@luigi_palu](#) di [@TvRicicla](#) che riporta l'intervento del Direttore Elisabetta Perrotta al convegno [#Sienambiente](#).

riciclanews.it/rifiuti/energi...

[@PolimericaNews](#) [@FEADinfo](#)
Translate Tweet



riciclanews.it
Energia, ridurre i consumi e diversificare le fonti: ecco come farlo con i rifiuti - ... Il recupero di materia aiuta a ridurre i consumi energetici, ma i rendimenti decrescenti del riciclo e la necessità di ridurre il ricorso alle discariche rendono ...

4:53 PM · Oct 10, 2022 · Twitter Web App



- 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”**. Here you have access to all files followed by FEAD Secretariat.
- For further information or enquiries, please contact the FEAD Secretariat at info@fead.be