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Hello from Brussels. The Council and the Parliament have reached an agreement on waste shipments, critical raw materials and environmental crimes, while the plenary vote on PPWR approaches. The different political groups have tabled their amendments and are gearing up for what is sure to be a battle.

At FEAD, we've been reminiscing about our event in Rimini, Italy. Missed out on our conference last week on PFAS in the Waste sector? Do not fret, the pictures from our big day are out and free for you to enjoy on our [website](#).



Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR): Co-legislators reached an agreement on 16 November 2023:

- The objectives of the legislation have been expanded to climate neutrality and the achievement of the circular economy and zero pollution.
- The new Regulation will introduce a central electronic system operated by the Commission for the submission and exchange of notifications and documentation.
- The issue of plastic waste shipment outside of EU countries had been divisive, but an agreement was found in a ban on exports of non-hazardous plastic waste (B3011) to non-OECD countries two and a half years after the entry into force of the regulation.

The Council's press release is available online [here](#).

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR): The European Parliament Plenary will discuss and vote on 22 November the PPWR proposals. Plenty of [amendments](#) from different political groups have been submitted. Several EPP, ECR and ID MEPs have submitted [questions](#) to the Commission that call into question the transparency and impartiality of the impact assessment.

Chemical Recycling: On 10 November, FEAD, in cooperation with EuRIC and Municipal Waste Europe, published a [position paper](#) on Mass Balance Accounting. The paper calls for for genuine reporting of recycled content in plastic products through transparent calculation methods in the context of the SUPD and it has been shared with the Commission, Member States and European Parliament.

Critical Raw Materials (CRM): On 13 November, the Council and the European Parliament reached an [agreement](#) on CRM. In this agreement, the recycling benchmark has been increased from 15% to 25%, the maximum time to grant permits has been increased, for recycling projects, from 12 to 15 months and aluminium and synthetic graphite were included in the list of strategic raw materials.

Environmental crime directive: Co-legislators found an agreement after the last trilogue on 16 November. The Council's press release is available online [here](#).

Net-Zero Industry Act (NZIA): The text, adopted on 25 October in the industry committee (ITRE) will be voted on in plenary on 21 November.

PFAS: All the [comments](#) ECHA received on their PFAS restriction proposal are now publicly available.

A large group of institutional investors have [urged](#) chemical companies to stop producing PFAS, describing the carcinogenic substances as 'the new asbestos'.

Eco-design for Sustainable products Regulation (ESPR): The Council's Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth met on 17 November 2023 to prepare the third trilogue scheduled for 4 December.

Soil Monitoring Law (SML): The European Parliament's agriculture committee (AGRI, associated committee) rapporteur on the SML, Maria Noichl (S&D, Germany) submitted its [draft opinion report](#), dated 13 November 2023. It proposes intermediate targets to achieve healthy soils by 2050, set at 55% by 2035, 70% by 2040 and 80% by 2045.

European List of Waste: The European Commission is [preparing](#) a draft proposal to amend the European List of Waste to take account of new battery chemistries and fast-changing manufacturing and recycling processes. The adoption of the proposal is expected for the fourth quarter of 2024.

Air quality: On 9 November, the Council [adopted](#) its negotiating mandate for the trilogue with the European Parliament. The Council's text adds some flexibility with regard to the attainment of the air quality limit values. Member States can then request a postponement of the deadline for a maximum of 10 years until no later than 1 January 2040.

Plastic pollution: A new OECD interim [report](#) that looks at the effects of different levels of international co-ordination and policy stringency on plastic pollution has been published.

European Commission: The European Commission has [approved](#) 171 new projects across Europe under the [LIFE Programme for environment and climate action](#), worth more than €396 million. These projects concern nature and biodiversity, circular economy and quality of life, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and clean energy transition.



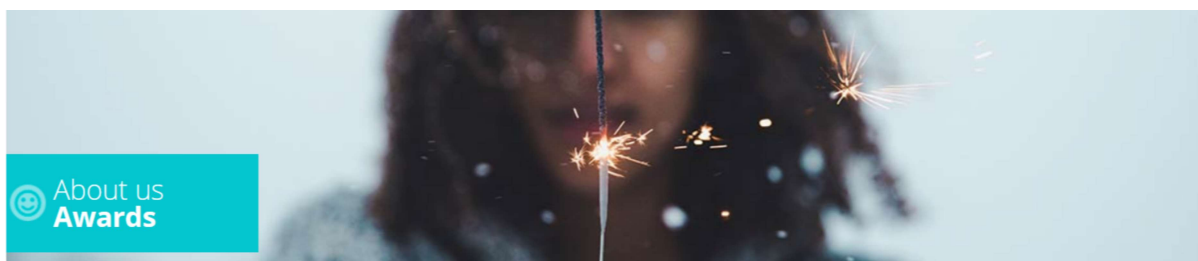


EFRAG will hold its annual Conference 2023 "European corporate reporting: two pillars for success" in cooperation with the European Commission and with in-person participation of Commissioner Mairead McGuinness on 28 November 2023 in Brussels.

High-level speakers and panelists will share their views on accomplishments and challenges ahead in the field of sustainability reporting, debate the new developments in financial reporting and address the latest trends to connect both areas in the fast-evolving environment of corporate reporting.

- When: Tuesday 28 November 2023, 9:00 - 17:15 CET followed by drinks.
- Where: The Hotel Brussels, 38 Bd de Waterloo. This is a physical event with online participation possibility. In-person registration is subject to confirmation.

[Registrations](#)



Carsten Spohn Award

CEWEP's Carsten Spohn Award recognises young postgraduates and talented students from European universities and young professionals in the European waste management sector, for their excellence and relevant research applicable in practice in the area of waste management, particularly Waste-to-Energy (WtE) – incineration with energy recovery. This includes all topics relevant for WtE, e.g. energy recovery, climate impacts, residues recovery, etc.

The winners of the Award will be offered a two-week traineeship in one of the participating European WtE plants. The winners will be able to list their preferences for a WtE plant from

the list of volunteering plants. The final placement will be decided taking into account availability.

The abstracts of the winning works will be published on CEWEP's website, and the winners will also be invited to join the next CEWEP Congress free of charge.

Conditions

- Applicants have to be EU citizens or be in possession of required documents to travel and work within the EU;
- The Award pays for travel to the traineeship placement and accommodation.

Application Procedure

The Award applications must include:

- The abstract (max. 160 words);
- The entire research piece;
- Short bio of the author(s);
- Short explanation why this work meets the criteria and its practical relevance.

The applications have to be sent to applications@cewep.eu by 31st March 2024 titled "Carsten Spohn Award Application". The winners will be announced in a ceremony in September/October 2024 in Brussels.

Any further inquiries on the Award or the application procedure can be sent to info@cewep.eu.

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— Towards Eliminating Plastic Pollution by 2040: Policy Scenario Analysis



This report outlines the prerequisites needed to curb plastic pollution. Across four scenarios, the interim report considers the economic and environmental implications of varying levels of international co-ordination, policy stringency, and timelines for action.

Read the Interim findings: [Towards Eliminating Plastic Pollution by 2040: A Policy Scenario Analysis](#) released on 10 November 2023 at the Third Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on plastic pollution (INC-3).

For more information, please consult the [Supplementary Information to the Interim Findings of the OECD report](#).

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The image shows a YouTube video player interface. The video title is "Net-zero industry act" and it is part of the "EPRS Policy Podcast". The channel is "European Parliamentary Research ..." with 6.95K subscribers. The video has 6 likes and includes icons for share, download, and a menu. The video player shows a progress bar at 0:02 / 6:29. The background of the video player features an orange gradient with a white circular graphic and the European Union flag.

The image shows a snippet of a Reuters news article. The article is titled "3M, DuPont PFAS settlements called inadequate by cities, other objectors" and is written by Clark Mindock. It was published on November 14, 2023, at 12:57 AM GMT+1 and was updated 3 days ago. The article is categorized under "Litigation | Environment | Litigation | Climate Change | Corporate Counsel". The Reuters logo and navigation menu are visible at the top.

FEAD mentions in the Press:

EUWID Recycling and waste management: [Recycling industry groups call for preservation of plastic waste entries in EU green list](#)

Recyclingmagazine: ['We need to talk about this topic without fear'](#)

Recyclingmagazine: [FEAD warns against any changes to the WFD beyond revision proposed by Commission](#)

Residuosprofessional: [FEAD, contraria a una reforma de la directiva marco que vaya mas alla de los residuos textiles y alimentarios.](#)

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Recyclingmagazine: [EU value chain organisations warn against 'right of first refusal'](#)

EUWID Recycling and waste management: [FEAD calls for rethink on closed-loop recycling and bio-based materials in PPWR report](#)

Residuosprofessional: [LA INDUSTRIA EUROPEA DEL RECICLAJE, CONTRARIA A DAR AL SECTOR DEL ENVASE ACCESO PREFERENTE A LOS PLÁSTICOS RECICLADOS](#)

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