



## NEWSLETTER N° 113 - 20 February 2023

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**Hello from Brussels.** As always, we bring you all the latest news on circular economy from Europe and beyond. This week we're presenting our re-branded Finnish member, Kierrätysteollisuus. Formerly known as YTP, they recently changed their name and we're excited to **introduce** them to you as **the Recycling Industries of Finland**.

Mixed waste sorting systems prior to incineration are **NOT** the silver bullet that will allow the waste management sector to achieve the EU's circular economy objectives. **We have issued a [Press Release](#) explaining WHY we disagree with the findings of the study** published by Zero Waste Europe.

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**Critical Raw Materials (CRM):**

- EU Commission presents four pillars of upcoming Critical Raw Materials Act, plans to diversify supply through strategic partnerships
- MEPs say the EU should not replace its dependence on Russian fossil fuels with a new dependence on Chinese raw materials

**Chemicals - REACH revision:**

- ENVI committee accepts to invite the EC for a discussion on REACH revision.
- European Commission to publish non-legislative working document by the summer of 2023 to clarify its concept for the essential use of the most dangerous chemicals.

**Green Deal Industrial Plan:** Europe's lawmakers greenlight resolution in favor of the Commission's plan to increase the competitiveness of Europe's industries.

**Renewable Energy Directive (RED) amendment:** Last-minute trilogue held on 14 February, negotiations at standstill.

**Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR):** Swedish Presidency presents compromise text to the Council's Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market).

**Harmonised Labelling:** Joint Research Center publishes report on "Harmonised labelling of waste receptacles with matching product labels".

**Plastics:** Commission expands scope of impact study on microplastic pollution, adjusts strategy to meet reduced emissions objective.

**REPowerEU:** EP approves compromise agreement on REPowerEU chapter of national recovery plans.

**Protection of the environment through criminal law:** JURI MEPs to vote on the revision of the directive on the protection of the environment through criminal law during their meeting on 20-21 March.

**Soil Health:** EU Commission proposal on new directive on soils expected to be revealed on 7 June.

**Hydrogen:** European Parliament adopts non-binding resolution calling for an urgent plan for the development of hydrogen infrastructure.

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**FEAD press release:  
Additional mixed waste sorting  
systems prior to incineration are  
not the silver bullet for  
achieving a circular economy**

Some stakeholders believe that mixed waste sorting systems prior to thermal treatment and disposal are the silver bullet that will allow the waste management sector to achieve the EU's circular economy objectives. This is the result of a recent [study](#) published on 16 February 2023 and also reflected in some amendment proposals within the ongoing revisions of the Renewable Energies Directive and the Industrial Emissions Directive.

However, **this is a dangerous message** as it undermines years of awareness raising and investments made by the sector to implement and ensure the functionality of source separation of municipal waste by our citizens. **Read our Press Release [here](#).**



## PARLIAMENTARY DINNER DEBATE

ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EU WASTE  
LEGISLATION

 Residence Palace  
Restaurant



## Parliamentary Dinner in Brussels on EU Waste Legislation

FEAD, along with MWE, CEWEP and EuRIC is organising a dinner-debate on the implementation of EU Waste legislation, that will be held at the Residence Palace on 1 March 2023. The event is not open to the public.

## FEAD selected to join the new EU platform on Sustainable Finance

FEAD, through the European Alliance for Sustainable Finance (EASF) has been selected to participate in the EU's Platform on Sustainable Finance, to advise on green taxonomy! The alliance, co-founded by FEAD, EuRIC and PRE, will serve with a mandate of 2 years.

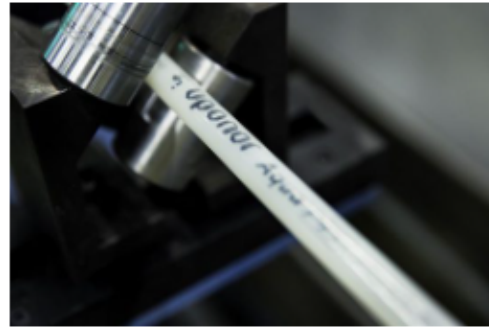


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## Chemical recycling of hard-to-recycle plastic waste

Neste, Uponor, Wastewise and Borealis have successfully produced cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) pipes using feedstock derived from chemically recycled post-industrial plastic waste from PEX pipe production. The project demonstrates that chemical recycling can close the loop on hard-to-recycle plastic waste, transforming it into high quality polymer feedstock and enabling the subsequent manufacture of products with the same quality and properties as in their previous life.



## Mixed sorting key to meeting the EU's Circular Economy objectives:

Reloop and Zero Waste Europe have published a study by Eunomia which shows that applying sorting systems to mixed waste (MWS) before thermal treatment and landfilling can significantly support Europe's climate objectives and contribute to achieving ambitious plastics and municipal waste recycling targets.



**Recycling Today:** European recycling groups part of financing discussion

**Global Recycling:** EuRIC, FEAD and PRE Selected to Join the New EU Platform on Sustainable Finance

**EUWID:** Broader recycling representation in Sustainable Finance Platform

**RETEMA:** La industria de reciclaje europea se incorpora a la Plataforma de Finanzas Sostenibles de la UE

**EU Recycling:** Herausforderungen und Chancen im Umgang mit gefährlichen Abfällen