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Hello from Brussels. As always, we bring you all the latest news on circular economy from Europe and beyond. It's been an intense week for Brussels, with heavy rainfall, a bomb threat and railway strikes, and an interesting week for the EU institutions, with the trilogue on RED revision resuming and with leaked documents on the Commission's upcoming Critical Raw Materials (CRM) and Net Zero Industry Act. Another active week for FEAD, with our President, Claudia Mensi presenting on safe and efficient waste shipments for a resource-efficient and circular economy during the Irish Waste Management Conference!

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Waste Shipment Regulation: Swedish Presidency proposes partial draft compromise for waste export regulation to increase Member State involvement

Industrial Emissions Directive (IED): COREPER 1 ambassadors do not green-light to Presidency's proposal for a general approach.

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR): European Parliament's rapporteur to submit draft report on 11 April

Renewable Energy Directive (REDII) revision: Negotiators aim to conclude Renewable Energy Directive revision negotiations on 29 March, prioritise bioenergy and hydropower despite NGO concerns

- ITRE Committee Rapporteur say negotiators still to address key aspects of the proposal

Delegated Act - Hydrogen: MEPs Criticise Delegated Act Defining Green Hydrogen, EPP Rapporteur Threatens Rejection

Green Deal Industrial Plan:

- **Net Zero Industry Act:** EU's "Net-Zero Emissions" Regulation to Only Apply to Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Clean Technologies Given Priority Status, according to a draft version of the regulation, leaked in Contexte
- **Critical Raw Materials (CMRs):** European Commission Prefers Internal Governance over Dedicated EU Funds for Critical Raw Materials, According to Internal Document published by Contexte

Electricity Market Reform: Negotiating Teams for European Parliament's Electricity Market Reform Begin to Form Ahead of Commission Proposal

State Aid: EU adopts Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework to support key sectors of energy transition

- European Commission updates General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) regulation to expand list of state aid rules

Energy Efficiency Directive (EED): EU negotiators agree on provisional deal to reduce final energy consumption by 11.7% by 2030

Chemicals - REACH - Microplastics: EU postpones vote on microplastics ban, criticised for delays by environmental NGO coalition

- EU court dismisses Plastics Europe appeal, upholds ECHA's identification of bisphenol A as a substance of very high concern

News from the Council: Draft conclusions for upcoming EU Council meeting released, with focus on net zero emissions regulations and critical raw materials

News from the Commission: Carmen Preising appointed as new Head of Cabinet for EU Environment Commissioner, succeeding Simonas Satunas

News from the Parliament: Renew MEP Nicolae Ștefănuță joins Green group in the European Parliament

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Irish Waste Management Conference 2023

FEAD's President **Claudia Mensi** participated as a speaker at the **Irish Waste Management Conference** on Thursday, 9 March in Dublin! As one of the leading voices on sustainability in the waste management industry, our President shared her expertise on safe and efficient waste shipments for a resource-efficient and circular economy. [Read more here.](#)



Von der Leyen talks raw materials, Ukraine in Canada, US

DW: With the fallout of the war in Ukraine felt across the European Union, the bloc is racing to end fossil fuel reliance on Moscow and ramp up production of homegrown renewable energy. But that will require more access to critical minerals and raw materials like lithium, cobalt, or rare earth metals – and that is where Washington and Ottawa could come in.



Denmark inaugurates world's first cross-border CO2 storage site

EURACTIV: The opening marks an important moment for the EU's green transition and industrial competitiveness, according to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, who spoke at the inauguration on Wednesday (8 March). Project Greensand is the first venture to achieve cross-border carbon capture and storage (CCS), by shipping CO2 from Belgium and injecting it into a depleted oil field under the Danish North Sea.



G-7 eyes joint effort to turn e-waste into rare earths, other metals

Nikkei Asia: During a trip to Washington in January, Yasutoshi Nishimura, Japan's minister for economy, trade and industry, called for a new "network" for recycling rare metals with U.S. and Europe. Japan aims to set up a working group to promote cooperation on extracting the materials when it hosts the G-7 summit in May.

