




## NEWSLETTER N° 118 - 27 March 2023

**Hello from Brussels.** As always, we bring you all the latest news on circular economy from Europe and beyond. Last week, the EU27 leaders met in Brussels to discuss the bloc's future in the midst of an energy crisis. Meanwhile, the European Commission took a stand against greenwashing with its latest Substantiating Green Claims initiative and stood up for consumers with the game-changing "right to repair" initiative. Feeling overwhelmed by all the information? No worries, FEAD has got your back! Read on for a comprehensive rundown of the most exciting circular economy news.

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**Renewable Energy Directive (RED):** Renewable Energy Directive (RED) draft agreement during 21 March trilogue allows for mixed waste sorting to remove fossil materials in biofuel production.

- Swedish Presidency proposes 42-43% renewable energy consumption target for EU in 2030, Council wants to preserve bioenergy subsidies and define green hydrogen in RED Directive

**Delegated Act - Hydrogen:** MEPs table objections against delegated acts defining green hydrogen.

**Critical Raw Materials (CRM):** EU Greens call for stronger environmental protections and reduced consumption in draft regulation on critical raw materials.

**Waste Shipments:** Council's Working Party on the Environment examines Commission's proposal, and steering note from the Swedish Presidency.

- European Commission report reveals decrease in recovery of hazardous waste and increase in illegal shipments

**Industrial Emissions Directive (IED):** Votes on Industrial Emissions Directive postponed by European Parliament committees, plenary adoption delayed until July.

**Right to Repair:** European Commission unveils new directive to establish a right to repair and create a repair "ecosystem".

**Packaging and Packaging Waste (PPWR):** Italian, Finnish and Slovakian ministers praise the interest in using chemical recycling for packaging waste proposal, Contexte reports.

**Textiles:** ITRE committee in the European Parliament changes date of vote on the draft Opinion on the Commission's Sustainable and Circular Textiles Strategy.

**EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS):** European Parliament to discuss and vote on revision of EU Emissions Trading System directive in April plenary session.

**Non-recycled plastic packaging waste:** European Commission to oversee the fee on waste plastic packaging that isn't recycled, implementing act says.

**Electricity Market Reform:** Energy Council to hold its first major discussion on the matter on 28 March.

**Net Zero Industry Act (NZIA):** ITRE committee in the European Parliament to implement 'net zero emissions' regulation, eight more to provide opinion on the matter, Contexte reports.

- Current EU budget insufficient to meet the investment needs of the Net Zero Emissions Regulation, EC assessment says.

**Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law:** JURI committee in the European Parliament adopts position on the proposal to update Environmental Crime Directive.

**Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR):** Council experts discuss Presidency's second compromise text, another meeting scheduled for 27 March.

- Swedish Presidency is considering delegated acts over implementing acts for future ecodesign standards for products, Contexte reports.
- IMCO committee in the European Parliament scheduled to discuss rapporteur's draft opinion and possible compromise amendment on 28 March.

**Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) - EU Position (COP 11):** EU experts to discuss on 28 March the draft position papers on POPs ahead of COP 11 in March.

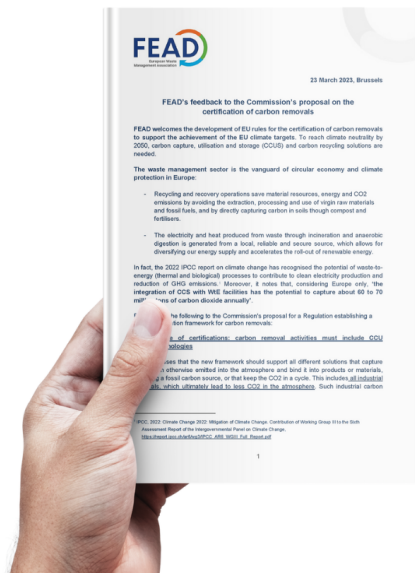
**Competitiveness of the EU:** EU Council to hold discussions on plan to increase competitiveness against the US and to review progress on proposals for net-zero emissions and critical raw materials regulations.

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## FEAD feedback to the Commission's initiative on the Certification of carbon removals - EU rules

FEAD has provided **feedback** to the Commission's proposed EU rules on certifying carbon removals. The EC initiative will develop the necessary rules to monitor, report and verify the authenticity of these removals. The aim is to expand sustainable carbon removals and encourage the use of innovative solutions to capture, recycle and store CO<sub>2</sub> by farmers, foresters and industries. Read our feedback [here](#).



### FEAD PARTICIPATION IN THE RID/ADR/ADN JOINT MEETING

20-24 March 2023, Bern, Switzerland




Read more about FEAD's work on ADR:  
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FEAD participated in the **Joint ADR/RID Meeting - International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail**. Our Legal & Policy Officer, Aizea Astor Hoschen presented three formal

working documents aimed at enabling the waste sector to comply with the transport of dangerous goods, which has traditionally focused on the transport of new products.

 The objective of these documents is to integrate specific rules into the next update of the ADR to ensure compliance with the needs of the waste sector.

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The key role of waste management industry for a sustainable circular economy



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PAOLO CAMPANELLA

SPEAKER

Paolo Campanella, FEAD's Technical Officer, will share insights on how the waste management industry paves the way for a sustainable, circular economy, at the **2023 Circular Chemistry Conference**, to be held on 29 March 2023, at the Brightlands Chemelot Campus in the Netherlands.

FEAD will present the evolution of the waste management industry, from scrap management to the circular economy. Sustainability must be central to achieve recognition, with investment, research, and development necessary for efficiency. Local factors must also be considered, and high technological standards maintained to combat green washing.

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## AR6 Synthesis Report: Climate Change 2023

The IPCC's sixth synthesis report on climate change states that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuels are causing global warming of more than 1.5 °C, and that without further reductions, emissions from existing infrastructure have a 50% chance of exceeding the remaining carbon budget to limit warming to 1.5 °C. This budget is the total amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that can be emitted without causing warming greater than 1.5°C. The report also suggests that combined with planned infrastructure, fossil fuel emissions will be equivalent to the carbon budget for limiting warming to 2°C with an 83% probability. The European Commission's Executive Vice-President for the Green Deal, Frans Timmermans, emphasizes the need to phase out fossil fuels that are not coupled with carbon capture and storage technologies.



## Brands worth more than €130 billion want the EU to ban PFAS chemicals

As the discussions on the upcoming ban of PFAS chemicals in the European Union started on 22 March, 108 companies dedicated to phasing out PFAS chemicals from products and processes have joined the PFAS Movement, an advocacy campaign initiated by environmental NGO ChemSec that calls for comprehensive regulation of PFAS in the EU. The members comprise many well-known brands, such as the H&M Group, Urbanears and The Cookware Company, representing various industries—fashion, home goods, food, and personal care. The members are worth more than €130 billion in total revenue.



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