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Hello from Brussels. As always, we bring you all the latest news on circular economy from Europe and beyond. White smoke from Europe's chimney, as an **agreement** was reached on the **revision on the Renewable Energy Directive (RED)** after 14 hours of negotiations. Black smoke, though, from **19 member states** which are **at risk of not meeting the waste recycling targets** set for 2025, as the deputy head of DG ENV warned. Find out about the Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA), Industrial Emissions Directive (IED), textiles and chemical recycling, ecodesign, electricity market reform, and green claims. With so much to cover, you won't want to miss a thing!

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Renewable Energy Directive (RED): European Parliament and Council reach provisional agreement on RED revision, raising the EU's renewable energy consumption target to 42.5% in 2030, draft agreement on mixed wastes also possibly included.

Effort Sharing Regulation (ERS): Energy Ministers adopt revised regulations on carbon sinks and emission reduction effort sharing.

Waste Framework Directive (WFD): European Commission's draft revision of Waste Framework Directive rejected by Regulatory Scrutiny Board.

Waste Management Report: Up to 19 EU member states at risk of missing 2025 recycling targets, warns DG Environment official, according to Contexte.

Industrial Emissions Directive (IED): ITRE committee adopts its position on IED revision.

Chemical Recycling: Plastic industry urges EU to adopt calculation rule for chemical recycling to meet plastic incorporation targets.

Textiles Strategy: EU Parliament's Industry Committee calls for increased investment in recycling technologies for Textiles Strategy, but rejects closed-loop system principle.

Textiles in the Waste Framework Directive (WFD): European Commission concerned about fragmentation in textile waste management among EU countries, delays expected in meeting 2025 targets, Contexte reports.

Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR): ESPR negotiations in European Parliament complicated by debate on maximum or minimum harmonisation, causing concern among MEPs about Council of EU removing market surveillance requirements.

Green Claims Directive: "Legally impossible" to include the "environmental footprint of products" methodology, in the Environmental Claims Directive, as it is only included in a recommendation, says Commission's DG Environment official, Contexte reports.

Protection of the environment through criminal law: MEPs pass report on protecting environment through criminal law, with negotiations set to take place between MEPs and Council of EU in trilogue.

Right to repair: Internal Market Committee takes lead on EU compensation directive, as Environment and Legal Affairs provide opinions.

Electricity Market Reform: EU Energy Ministers welcome proposed Electricity Market Reform, but concerns remain over mandatory CFDs and support for nuclear power.

- ITRE committee to discuss EU electricity market reform proposals on 24 April.

Net Zero Industry Act (NZIA): Christian Ehler (EPP, Germany) appointed as NZIA rapporteur by EPP on 30 March.

Critical Raw Materials (CRM): EU Internal Market Commissioner admits recycling of raw materials not ambitious enough, as Industry Committee discusses CRM proposal.

- Nine European Parliament committees involved in critical raw materials regulation, with ITRE leading and EPP appointing shadow rapporteur.

Green Hydrogen - Delegated Act: Motion of objection against delegated act defining green hydrogen fails to receive enough support in European Parliament's Energy Committee,

- 60 European federations and companies write open letter urging support for delegated act defining green hydrogen

State Aid - Renewables: EU Court of Justice Advocate General clarifies conditions for state aid to renewable projects, stating construction must have begun and a building permit issued for the implementation of the investment.

Urban Wastewater Treatment: European Parliament rapporteur suggests funding programs for cleaning up micropollutants in urban wastewater and proposes extended producer responsibility.

Bioeconomy: Professional associations form coalition to promote circular bioeconomy in EU, advocating for sustainable and recyclable wood, fiber, and paper products.

Other news: Leena Ylä-Mononen appointed as the new head of European Environment Agency, replacing Hans Bruyninckx.

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“ Collaborating with recyclers and adhering to industry technical standards, we've taken an integrated approach to evaluate post-treatment combustion bottom ash.

This deepens our understanding of its environmental and health implications in various pre-defined, currently in use or to be further developed, exposure scenarios. We're committed to ensuring responsible use and a high degree of knowledge for a sustainable future. ”

 **Claudia Mensi**
FEAD President

FEAD President Claudia Mensi presented during an event on "A new beginning for End-of-Waste", the current European and national regulatory framework on End-of-Waste, with a focus on bottom ash from Waste-to-Energy. The event, organised by A2A and Rome's University Tor Vergata, was held on 31 March 2023.



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The waste management industry plays a key role in driving a sustainable circular economy. From scrap management to producing secondary raw materials, it has evolved with awareness and transformation.

By putting sustainability at the center, we can achieve the deserved legislative, economic, and social recognition. Let's maintain high technological standards and combat greenwashing solutions to not undermine all the work done.”

 **Paolo Campanella**
FEAD Technical Officer



FEAD joined the Circular Chemistry Conference 2023, with our our Technical Officer Paolo Campanella kickstarting the first panel at Brightlands Chemelot Campus. Paolo shed light on how waste management has evolved over the years and the innovative solutions that have been developed in collection and sorting to tackle today's challenges.



PRESS REVIEW & REPORTS



EU Commission temporarily blocks France's ban on plastic packaging for fruit and vegetables

EUWID: The European Commission is blocking France's planned ban on plastic packaging for certain types of fruit and vegetables. As part of the notification procedure, Brussels has postponed implementation of the French decree until 15 December 2023 for the time being.

