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Hello from Naples. Last week, FEAD's President Claudia Mensi joined the Green Med Symposium, hosted by Italian member Assoambiente, to discuss the crucial role of associations like FEAD in promoting transparency and **combatting greenwashing**. Meanwhile, European lawmakers in Brussels were busy reviewing **draft reports** on two critical pieces of legislation - the **packaging** waste regulation and the classification, labelling and packaging of **chemical substances**. As the discussions unfolded, it became increasingly clear that MEPs were sharply divided over the issue of whether to prioritise recycling or reuse in the fight against packaging waste.

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Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR): EU Environment Commissioner calls for 'decisive multilateral action' on climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, notes that COPs decisions would have 'profound impact' on global management of chemicals and waste.

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR): EU Parliament's ENVI committee debates packaging regulation draft report, MEPs divided over reuse and recycling.

- ITRE rapporteur proposes changes to EU Packaging Regulation, including a delay in recyclability requirements for innovative packaging and a 90% collection target by 2030
- IMCO committee to hold debate on draft opinions on the packaging regulation on 23 May
- Conference of Committee Chairs recommends that Environment Committee retains responsibility for packaging regulation
- Circular economy companies urge French Minister to support reuse in European packaging regulation

Renewable Energy Directive (RED) - Delegated Acts: Commission acknowledges falling behind on presenting RED delegated acts, seeks extension of power to adopt them.

Net-Zero Emissions Regulation: Key dates set for legislative process of Net-Zero Emissions Regulation by MEPs, rapporteur to submit draft report on 26 May.

Climate Package: EU to exceed 2030 emissions target, says Timmermans at COP28 preparatory meeting.

Single-Use Plastic Beverage Bottles: EU Commission proposes method to calculate recycled content in plastic bottles, but chemical recycling not included yet.

Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR): MEPs set to vote on Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation on 5 June 2023.

Classification, labelling and packaging (CLP) of chemicals regulation: Council experts

discuss revisions to CLP chemical regulation, with compromise proposals including the sale of refills, online sales, and the classification of multi-component substances.

- ENVI committee considers draft report proposing group classification for substances

PFAS: EU removes derogation allowing manufacture and sale of PFOA, a persistent organic pollutant, effective from August 2023.

Microplastics: Six countries across Europe warn Commission of lack of legislation to meet microplastics reduction target.

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) - Targeted proposal to amend Article 12, paragraphs 1, 3 and 4, Article 13(1) and Article 15(2) of the WEEE Directive as a follow-up to the judgement of the CJEU (C-181/20) to clarify when the financing obligation for producers apply: Council experts to examine a steering note from the Swedish Presidency on the targeted proposal on 12 May 2023

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) and Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU): EU to publish communication on CCS and CCU role in decarbonisation, with sector targets and investment estimates.

Carbon Removal Certification (CRC): Rapporteur proposes extension of Carbon Removal Certification framework to third countries, potentially including UK.

Urban Waste Water Directive revision – ENVI Committee considered draft Report: MEPs discuss concerns over extension of wastewater treatment requirements in Urban Waste Water Directive revision proposal.

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FEAD FEEDBACK ON

SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS - EU ENVIRONMENTAL TAXONOMY



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FEAD has provided feedback on the Commission's initiative for a new set of EU taxonomy criteria for economic activities. In our response, we called for the recognition of Waste-to-Energy activities in the EU Environmental Taxonomy for Sustainable Investments. Read our feedback [here](#).



FEAD REPLY TO JRC QUESTIONNAIRE ON

PREPARING FOR RE-USE AND RECYCLING TARGETS" FOR TEXTILE WASTE



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FEAD has submitted a reply to the Joint Research Center (JRC) questionnaire on "preparing for re-use and recycling targets" for textile waste. You can find our reply [here](#).



FEAD press release on the EU Textiles Strategy vote in the Parliament's ENVI committee

FEAD welcomed the vote in the European Parliament's ENVI committee on 27 April, expressing overall satisfaction with the direction of the report and the tabled amendments. We welcome the Parliament's view to ensure long-lasting, reusable, repairable, recyclable, and hazard-free textile products in the EU market and highlight the **need for a robust framework to create and scale up a strong recycling industry for textile waste**, which is an essential component of a sustainable and circular textiles strategy. Read our full press release [here](#).





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**ENGAGEMENT AND DIGITAL
STRATEGY FOR THE CIRCULAR
ECONOMY:**

**Communication at the forefront
of a mainstream transition**

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Management Association



FEAD's President Claudia Mensi participated at the Green Med Symposium, organised by our Italian member Assoambiente, that was held in Naples on 3 May 2023. FEAD showcased how associations like FEAD promote transparency to combat green washing.

✦ The event explored the pace of digital and ecological transitions. You can watch the recorded session [here](#).

Coming up:

- **30 May 2023** – ADR meeting- Informal Working group on Waste – dedicated to Packaging
- **6 June 2023** – FEAD General Assembly

- **20-22 June 2023** – FEAD visits plants in Italy
- **28-29 June 2023** – FEAD Legal & Policy Officer, Aizea Astor Hoschen at E-waste conference, Panel on Illegal Shipping, Frankfurt
- **SAVE THE DATE - 6 July 2023** – FEAD event at CEN/CENELEC



Interview with RETEMA

“Today’s waste management industry faces significant structural, financial, and technical challenges that demand innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship”, emphasised FEAD’s Legal & Policy Officer, Aizea Astor Hoschen in a recent interview with RETEMA, Revista Técnica de Medio Ambiente. You can read the interview in the latest issue of RETEMA Magazine online here.

- [EU Parliament acts against 'fast fashion' waste | MRW](#)
- [FEAD urges strong recycling industry in response to ENVI vote on EU textile strategy - RECYCLING magazine - Recycling Insight](#)
- [FEAD destaca la necesidad de un marco sólido para la industria del reciclaje textil | RETEMA](#)
- [FEAD urges strong recycling industry in response to ENVI vote on EU Textiles Strategy - RECYCLING magazine \(recycling-magazine.com\)](#)

