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Hello from Brussels. Contrary to the heavy rain we've been having, it is still summertime. Which is to say that all the institutions are closed and MEPs are hopefully using this time to get a bit of sun. Which unfortunately means that this edition of our Bulletin will be the last one before our month-long break. We will see you **back on 1 September**. But no worries, you have the first volume of FEAD's [digital magazine](#) to keep you company while you wait.

Even with the Parliament's recess in full swing, the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation is still getting more press coverage than most European Regulations, making it the most popular kid on Parliament's playground. New rules have also been adopted on the Emission Trading System and the Energy Efficient Directive.





Critical Raw Materials (CRM): Contexte has published [compromise amendments](#) from ITRE. In these, eurodeputies define the conditions required to obtain the status of strategic project for Critical Raw Materials. This status will allow access to simpler administrative procedures. They also propose to raise the goal of 40% of treatment of Strategic Raw Materials to 50%, with 20% developed in strategic partnerships with markets in economic emerging countries and developing countries. The vote in ITRE is planned for 7 September and the vote in plenary is planned for the beginning of October.

The target of 40% of annual consumption of Strategic Critical Materials of EU provenance has also been raised to 50%.

Soil Monitoring Directive: Martin Hojsik (Renew, Slovakia) will be charged with the negotiations on the Soil Directive presented at the start of July. Manuela Ripa (Greens, Germany) will negotiate for the Greens.

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR): In the ENVI Committee, progress has been slow. Sources confided to Contexte that 'it is difficult to bridge the gap between the different positions'.

The negotiations will start again at the end of August.

Energy Efficient Directive (EED): The Council has adopted [new rules](#) concerning EU energy consumption. The goal is now to reduce energy consumption at EU level by 11.75 in 2030. However, Member States will benefit from flexibility in reaching this target. Each Member State will have to contribute to this overall target and will set indicative national contribution towards this number in their integrated national energy and climate plans (NEPCs).

Single-use-Plastic Directive (SUP): On 19 June, a group of national waste experts voted on the Commission's [draft implementing act](#) on the calculation, verification and reporting of data on recycled plastic content in SUP beverage bottles. With 12 votes in favour, 2 against and 12 abstentions the 65% population threshold was not met.

Industrial Emissions Directive (IED): The European Parliament and the Council of the EU hope to reach the end of negotiations by the end of November. Two trialogues are still scheduled to take

place: the first on 10 October and the second on 28 November. The technical groups will meet around twenty times to prepare the compromises.

Emission Trading System (ETS): The European Commission launched a [public consultation](#) on the update of the rules for the reporting and monitoring of emissions on the carbon market. These updates are meant to take into account the major changes that have occurred in the carbon market.

A Swedish factory has lost its case against the European Commission. The factory, which converted to bioenergy after its use of fossil fuel, argued that the transition was costly and that its exclusion from the list of beneficiaries of free allocations stripped them of compensation. However, since CO₂ emitted by biomass combustion does not count as a 'carbon quota' that can be traded on the ETS, the Commissions wrote to Swedish authorities that 'the facility should no longer be included in the ETS'.

Concessions Directive report: The European Commission has adopted a [Report](#) on the functioning of the EU concessions directive and the impact on the internal market of the water sector's exclusion.

Net-Zero Industry Act (NZIA): The financing of NZIA has been called into question. Whilst STEP (Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform) was supposed to generate investments in technologies covered by NZIA to the amount of 10 billion euros, Stephanie Riso, Director-General of DG Budget has admitted to Eurodeputies that the amount is not guaranteed.

Ship recycling facilities: On 27 July, the Commission adopted the updated European List of ship recycling facilities pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013. The implementing Decision containing the new list will enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. The [adopted documents](#) are accessible online.

Hydrogen Valley: The European Commission wants to harmonize the conditions of financing of Hydrogen Valleys in Member States. The European Executive will develop a common program of research and innovation to allow interconnexion of valleys.

Climate Change: The 26 July, the Commission published [guidelines](#) to help Member States elaborate a national strategy to deal with Climate Change. This guide list the key elements national politics must contain as well as the steps to establish a strategy.

Energy prices: 3 experts from the Directorate-General for Energy stated in a 20 July [note](#) that

since the demand for gas has lowered, we will not see a sharp augmentation of energy prices similar to those in summer 2022.



FEAD's magazine : **Unlocking the Circular Economy's potential** launched on Monday 24 July, on our [website](#). With the first volume of our digital magazine out, we want to take the time to thank our members for their contributions. As we explained during our last event : **'How to make the circular economy work? A new alliance between waste management and the manufacturing industries'**, we are committed to making the Circular Economy work but this will not be possible without cooperation from the different actors of the industry. This magazine is a testament that together, we can take the waste management industry to new heights.



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Circular Economy (CE) is an innovative way of thinking, looking at production and consumption in a more sustainable, connected way. Instead of the traditional linear approach, this model seeks to minimize waste and keep re-sources in circulation. The CE model benefits people and the planet by creating an interdependent and responsible ecosystem for everyone. In the frame of the Summer School the manifold aspects – policy, legislation, technology, logistics and economics – of Circular Economy are introduced and discussed with international experts in the field. In addition to the theoretical background, the summer school offers industry site visits to waste sorting and recycling facilities as well as a car manufacturer.

Key Facts

Certificate: 15 ECTS credits

Location: TU Wien

Language of Instruction: English

Tuition Fee: Students: € 3.500 | Professionals: € 5.200 | **FEAD members have been offered a 15% discount rate on the participation fee.**

The summer school takes place in small groups (15–25 participants) in order to enable an intensive elaboration of the topic and to cater to individual needs and create an atmosphere of personal exchange.

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ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION: PRORITIES FOR THE PLANET

Where are we in Europe with the circularity objectives set for 2030? What are the future scenarios and opportunities for development of the sectors involved? What state are our marine and terrestrial ecosystems in? Also, what is the European landscape in terms of regulations, investments and available funds? These are just some of the questions which will be addressed during the international schedule of Ecomondo.

Ecomondo is the key international event in Europe and the Mediterranean basin for green and circular economy, it is held from 7th to 10th November 2023 in Rimini and every year it hosts a high-quality programme of conferences, seminars and events.

Thanks to an increasing presence of trade visitors and general visitors from all over the world, to the involvement of entities such as the **European Commission, FAO, OECD, ISWA International** and to the hard work and coordination of the **Technical Scientific Committee**, there is a growing number of **international events** on schedule at Ecomondo.

From 7th to 10th November 2023, there will be a series of meetings throughout the various agorà and congress rooms, involving authoritative speakers, associations, decision makers, the world of research and institutions which are set to turn the event into **an opportunity to stay up-to-date on regulatory aspects, technological developments, finance, training and good practices** applied to the world of the circular economy, bio and blue economy, soil regeneration and much more.

Don't miss this opportunity and join Ecomondo in **Rimini, form 7th to 10th November 2023!** We are waiting for you!

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Commission proposes clamp-down on hazardous chemicals in toys

EU toy safety rules should expand a generic ban on harmful chemicals to cover more hazard classes, the European Commission has proposed.

by Simon Pickstone

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Waste Framework Directive revision: 11 things you need to know

The European Commission has unveiled plans for a 'targeted revision' of EU waste rules that would add extended producer responsibility requirements for the textiles sector and binding targets to cut food waste. Here's what you need to know.

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FEAD mentions in the Press:

Wastematters : [FEAD sets the bar high: 75% recycling by 2035 - Wastematters](#)

Recycling Magazine: [A new alliance between the waste management industry and manufacturing industries - RECYCLING magazine](#)

Retema: [La Asociación Europea de Gestión de Residuos se compromete a mejorar los objetivos de reciclaje | RETEMA](#)

Residuos Profesional: [Los gestores de residuos garantizan su compromiso para cumplir los objetivos de reciclaje de la UE \(residuosprofesional.com\)](#)



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