

# FEAD NEWSLETTER



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**Hello from Brussels.** Though we are based in Brussels, like most in the EU bubble, our ears and minds have been in Strasbourg this past week. Indeed, the city has been the stage for a few key events. The President of the Commission gave a State of Union at the plenary session on 13 September and the European parliament has adopted the provisional agreement on the proposal to revise the Renewable Energy Directive.

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FEAD is organising a **conference on PFAS in the waste sector at ECOMONDO on 8 November**. Join us for this exciting event!

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**FEAD Conference on  
PFAS in the waste  
sector to analyse the  
impact of a potential  
ban**

A SYSTEMATIC CRITICAL REVIEW OF THE  
PRESENCE OF PFAS IN WASTES

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European Waste  
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**9  
NOVEMBER  
2023**  
16:30 - 18:30  
ECOMONDO, RIMINI,  
ITALY



**EU INSTITUTIONS MONITORING**

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**PFAS:** The Commission published a [call for tenders](#) on the strengthening the role of substitution planning in the context of REACH and other EU chemicals legislation. The Commission finds that the ban of substances have sometimes led to regrettable substitutions and cites bisphenols as an example. It wants to anticipate any difficulties with PFAS as the chemical may be subject to a general ban in the European Union.

**Renewable Energy Directive Amendment approved (RED):** On 12 September, the European Parliament adopted the [provisional agreement](#) on the proposal to revise the Renewable Energy Directive reached in Trilogues on 16 June. It was decided that the installation of sorting systems for residual municipal waste in incineration plants will not be mandatory at European level. The Council is now in a position to formally adopt the revised

Renewable Energy Directive, following the European Parliament's final approval of the text.

**Air quality Directive:** MEPs have adopted a very ambitious negotiating mandate on the proposal to revise the Air Quality Directive on 13 September.

Context has published a [compromise](#) proposal of the Spanish Presidency on the revision of the Air Quality Directive. The text, from 11 September, removes the right of NGOs to bring collective legal action to seek compensation for victims of air pollution. This proposal is less ambitious than the position adopted by the European Parliament on 13 September, which calls for alignment with the WHO recommendations by 2035.

**Ecodesign for Sustainability of Products Regulation (ESPR):** Following a first round of Trilogues between the Council and the European Parliament that took place on 30 August 2023, Trilogues on ESPR are set to continue on 10 October while the co-legislators will hold internal meetings next week to discuss the outcome of the first Trilogues.

**Waste Shipment Regulation revision (WSR):** Next week, Member States Ambassadors will prepare for the second round of Trilogues on the [proposal](#) for new rules on EU waste shipments. The Permanent Representatives Committee (COREPER I) met over 13-15 September 2023 and prepared the second round of Trilogues.

**European Commission:** Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, gave her State of Union Address on 13 September. Specifically mentioning the Net-Zero Industry Act and the Critical Raw Materials Act, von der Leyen stated: 'We need to finish this work and we need to develop an approach for each industrial ecosystem.' She then announced that starting from this month, the European Commission will:

- hold a series of clean transition dialogues with industry to help each sector build its business model for decarbonisation
- put together a European wind power package
- improve the auction systems in the European Union
- launch an anti-subsidy investigation into Chinese electric vehicles

**Water resilience:** In a [letter of intent](#) sent by Ursula von der Leyen, following her speech on the State of the Union, the lists of the key axes of the last months of the mandate are stated. Among its priorities, is a water resilience initiative.

**Green Deal:** The European Commissioner for the Environment, Virginijus Sinkevičius doubts there will be an opportunity to release the Revision of the REACH if the initial

ambition is no longer there. On 11 September, he presented to the MEPs of the Environment Committee the latest legislation that appeared before the summer on soil monitoring, waste or mercury and was asked about those that are still missing. He also acknowledged that the Soil Directive could have been more binding and more ambitious.

**Classification, labelling and packaging of chemical substances and mixtures**

**Regulation approved (CLP):** In the European Parliament, the compromise on the classification of chemicals was approved by the ENVI Committee. Meeting in Strasbourg on 11 September, the Environment Committee supported all compromise amendments negotiated between parliamentary groups on the revision of the CLP Regulation. Several additional amendments were also approved, in particular to clarify the conditions for approvals of plant protection products and biocides, to allow any natural or legal person to request the revision of a label or classification, or to require that the identity of manufacturers and importers be made public without any exception.

**Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation:** In a [working note](#), sent to delegations on 11 September and published by Contexte, the Spanish Presidency proposes to allow increased production of packaging materials to solve the waste reduction equation.. The idea is to give Member States flexibility in achieving the targets, by 'allowing certain packaging materials to increase production until they exceed a certain percentage'.

**Soil Monitoring Directive:** The ENVI committee is not ready to share the work with the AGRI committee on the Soil Monitoring Directive. The ENVI committee opposed the request, formulated by the AGRI committee, to be associated with the work on the Soil Monitoring Directive in a procedure with joint committees. On 7 September, Pascal Canfin, Chair of ENVI, sent a letter to this effect to the President of the Conference of Committee Chairs of Parliament, which Contexte consulted. Pascal Canfin proposes that the AGRI committee should limit itself to the drafting of a report for an opinion. In the absence of agreement between the two committees, the Conference of Committee Chairs will have to decide on the dispute.

**European Regional Development Fund, Cohesion Fund and Just Transition**

**Fund:** The European Commission is consulting to assess the Just Transition Fund. This assessment, to be published in the fourth quarter of 2024, aims to 'review the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and added value of the EU' for each cohesion policy fund. The contribution period will close on October 9.

**G20:** The G20 leaders met in New Delhi and released a [joint declaration](#) soothing fears



that the disagreements over the Russia-Ukraine war would prevent a consensus. This declaration reaffirms the position taken during the last G20 with commitments to triple renewable energy capacity globally by 2030 and a statement that developing countries will need billions in funding to achieve their climate targets..

**Horizon Europe and Copernicus:** The European Commission and the United Kingdom announced on 7 September a [political agreement](#) on London's participation in the research funding programme. This fund, with more than 95 billion euros for 2021-2027, is used to support innovation in the field of climate and energy. The return of the United Kingdom to these two European programs must be ratified by the Council of the European Union 'before being formally adopted in the specialised EU-UK committee responsible for participation in Union programs', the Commission stated.



FEAD is hosting a conference at ECOMONDO, in Rimini, Italy, on November 8, focused on:

#### **PFAS in the waste sector**

The European Chemical Agency (ECHA) presented a report on the presence of PFAS in waste streams in April. This report states that the chemical should be massively restricted, even though it is already largely regulated. This restriction could have a major impact on the waste sector. In order to give Member States a clearer view of the situation, FEAD is performing, in collaboration with the University of Padova, a systematic critical review of the scientific literature to collect PFAS concentration ranges in waste items categorized within the relevant four waste categories: plastic waste; paper and cardboard waste; textile and leather waste; and metal waste. The conference on Wednesday the 8, will provide the results of the first part of this study.

The event will start with two 20-minute **presentations: one of the report by ECHA and the second one the results of the Critical review.** A **panel discussion** will follow, featuring high-

level experts in different area of this field. A **Q&A** with the public will close the event.

**[More information](#)**

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**28/09/23** 15:30  
De Warande, Brussels

**5th European  
Recycling  
Conference**

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**September 28, 2023**

Our member DENUO, the Belgian waste management and recycling federation is shining a spotlight on car recycling. Why? Well, the automotive industry is going through a major revolution. By 2035, which is practically tomorrow in terms of industrial value chains, combustion engine vehicles will be phased out and replaced by electric vehicles (EVs). This transition will have a significant impact on all the players involved, considering that the industry provides 12.6 million direct and indirect jobs in the EU. Recycling is no exception. Cars are composed of various materials like steel, aluminum, plastics, critical materials, rubber, and textiles, among others. The revision of the ELV Directive into a Regulation is just the beginning! This move is expected to attract substantial investments needed to ensure that the EU maintains its leadership in car recycling.

At the ERC 2023, you can expect to hear from top-level speakers from both the industry and policy-making sphere. They will keep you updated on the latest economic and policy aspects resulting from these transformative changes. But wait, there's more to the ERC than just a conference.

This year, the ERC is placing a strong emphasis on networking opportunities. After the half-

day conference, you'll have the chance to engage with fellow attendees during a networking walking dinner at De Warande, one of the most prestigious and exclusive venues in the heart of Brussels. Don't miss out on this fantastic event!

We invite you to directly register with [Denuo](#).



**WORKSHOP**

## INNOVAZIONE TECNOLOGICA AL SERVIZIO DELLA BONIFICA

PROVA PILOTA PER LA BONIFICA DA AMIANTO  
Ex Discarica RSU Val Da Rio - Chioggia

**REMTECH FERRARA**  
21 settembre 2023  
14.00 - 16.30

**Mérieux**  
NutriSciences

**GEOS.C.A.R.E.**

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### September 21, 2023

A pilot monitoring trial began in 2023 at the contaminated site of the Former Landfill in Chioggia, already the subject of a Remediation project managed by the Commissario Straordinario Bonificazioni Discariche Abusive (Extraordinary Commissioner for the Remediation of Abusive Landfills). The chemical risk assessment showed that threshold values were exceeded for several pollutants, including asbestos.

Therefore, a pilot test for asbestos remediation was conducted on the site and, at the same time, an Environmental Monitoring Plan was drawn up to confirm or adjust the chemical risk assessment for the workers involved.

The objective of the Workshop is to present the results of this activity, conducted also thanks to the use of innovative methods and technologies, both in terms of the extent of the work and the procedures employed.

### [Registrations](#)



## 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, from 7th to 10th November 2023!** We are waiting for you!

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FIN | **ANALYSIS**

### What Ursula von der Leyen said vs. what she meant

We peel back the rhetorical layers of the Commission president's carefully calibrated State of the Union speech.



## Chemical Recycling in circular perspective

From vision to action: How Chemical Recycling steers the transition towards a circular and carbon neutral chemical industry

### FEAD mentions in the Press:

AfvalOnline: [Fead benoemt nieuwe secretaris-generaal](#)

EUWID: [FEAD appoints new Secretary General](#)

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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