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Hello from Brussels. The PPWR vote in the ENVI Committee on 24 October is announced to be a tight affair. Find out more below!

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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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Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR): The ENVI Committee vote, on the Compromise Amendments, is scheduled on 24 October.

On 19 October, Eurostat published [new data](#) on packaging waste.

Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive: On 16 October, the Council [adopted](#) its position on the proposal to review the Urban Wastewater Directive.

Critical Raw Material (CRM): FEAD and Euric join forces on two points regarding the CRMA. An email was sent to all PermReps raising concerns about the changes proposed by the EP in the recycling definition and the creation of a secondary strategic raw materials list. The Waste Framework Directive (WFD) is the piece of legislation that sets the basic concepts and definitions related to waste management in the EU, including the definition of 'recycling'. The Critical Raw Materials (CRM) Regulation should be the piece of legislation establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials. For the sake of legal certainty, there should only be one definition of recycling, as determined by the WFD. In relation to the secondary strategic raw materials list, the impartial approach of both CRM and SRM lists must be upheld. Both lists proposed by the Commission are exclusively based on objective criteria designed to evaluate supply risks for European value chains. To avoid dilution of the scope of the CRMA, we jointly oppose to the creation of a secondary strategic raw materials list.

Taxonomy: Mathilde Androuet (ID, France) [submitted](#) a motion for a resolution to reject the delegated Regulation containing the last technical screening criteria with new activities contributing to climate change mitigation or climate change adaptation. The European Parliament voted against this motion on 18 October with 460 votes against.

Renewable Energy Directive (RED): The EU's justice court has given more [details](#) on the conditions required of energy producers to obtain financial aid from States.

Stakeholder Request Mechanism (SRM): The [SRM](#) was launched last week.

REACH: It seems that REACH revision has been delayed to after Von der Leyen's current mandate as it is not present in the EC's [program](#) for the next 8 months.

ETS Directive: On 18 October, the revision to the monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emission Regulation was [published](#) in the Official Journal.

Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP): The European Parliament wants to increase the budget for [STEP](#) from 10 Billion to 13 Billion.

Electric market design (EMD) : The European Council [adopted](#) its position on 17 October on the topic.

COP28: In preparation for the COP28, during a Council meeting on 16 October in Luxembourg, [Member States](#) called for a progressive reduction of the use of fossil fuel on the world stage.

The Council has also [approved](#) conclusions on climate finance.

Illegal waste shipments: The EC [partially sides](#) with Poland in its lawsuit against Germany.

Microplastics: The European Commission has revealed the new legislative [proposal](#) to reduce microplastic pollution from pellets.

Paris Agreement: The Council [approved](#) the submission of a nationally determined contribution (NDC) of the EU and its Member States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Sector-specific reporting standards and SME reporting standards: The deadline to

develop the sector-specific standards has been delayed by the EC to June 2026 in order to reduce reporting requirements.

The EFRAG sustainability reporting board is expected to approve the draft SME standards in November.

European Commission (EC): On 17 October, the European Commission presented its [program](#) for the next 8 months before the elections.

European Parliament (EP): Contexte [published](#) a working document dated 13 September that lists the EP's reflexions on reorganising its commissions.

Belgian Presidency: [Contexte](#) has published a document dated July 2023 that confirms that the Belgian Presidency wants to finalise a dozen legislations on energy.

European Elections: [The European elections](#) will take place from 6 to 9 June 2024.



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.

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Don't forget to [register to ECOMONDO](#) for your free tickets as well.

Agenda

16:30 - 16:40: Introduction and welcome by President of FEAD, **Claudia MENSI**

16:40 - 17:00: Presentation of the PFAS restriction proposal prepared by authorities in Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden and submitted to ECHA; **Dr. Carl A. Dannenberg**, Scientific Officer, Federal Office for Chemicals, BAuA, Germany

17:00 - 17:20: Presentation on "A systematic critical review concerning the presence of PFAS in wastes and related implications on the current and proposed European regulatory framework"; **Prof. Alberto PIVATO**, Assistant Professor, University of Padova

17.20 – 17.30: Questions & Answers

17:30 - 18:15: Panel Discussion on "The impact in the waste management sector of a potential PFAS ban"

- **Mattia Pellegrini**, Head of Unit Waste, DG ENV European Commission
- **Michael Mansuy**, Public Affairs Director - Waste Management, VEOLIA
- **Claudia MENSI**, President of FEAD

18:15 - 18:30: Reactions and closing remarks

If you require any further information, do not hesitate to contact us at info@fead.be

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The banner features a green abstract background with a grid pattern. On the left, the ECOMONDO logo is displayed with the tagline "The green technology expo." in the center. To the right, the text "NOVEMBER 7 - 10, 2023" is shown. Further right, it lists the location: "RIMINI EXPO CENTRE, ITALY". On the far right, the "E23" logo is prominent, with smaller text below it: "Organized by ITALIAN EXHIBITION GROUP" and "In collaboration with ITA® madeinitaly.gov.it". At the bottom right, there is a white button with the text "JOIN US >>" in black.

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!



EFRAG will hold its annual Conference 2023 "European corporate reporting: two pillars for success" in cooperation with the European Commission and with in-person participation of Commissioner Mairead McGuinness on 28 November 2023 in Brussels.

High-level speakers and panelists will share their views on accomplishments and challenges ahead in the field of sustainability reporting, debate the new developments in financial reporting and address the latest trends to connect both areas in the fast-evolving environment of corporate reporting.

- When : Tuesday 28 November 2023, 9:00 - 17:15 CET followed by drinks.
- Where : The Hotel Brussels, 38 Bd de Waterloo. This is a physical event with online participation possibility. In-person registration is subject to confirmation.

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Spain pleads for 'flexibility' in packaging waste rules

The Spanish EU Council presidency has stressed a need for maintaining national leeway on refill targets under the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation, according to a leaked draft, but industry representatives warn it risks creating a "patchwork" of national targets.

by Christian Ernherle



Episode 8:

The European Green Deal symphony: conducting the net-zero transition

The journey to net-zero emissions requires thousands of different policy interventions at all sorts of different times and across all sectors. Similarly, an orchestra is made up of many different instruments – all of which have to play the same tune at the right time! The conductor makes sure that all these different instruments do exactly that. Likewise, a governance framework plays that role in climate policy: it makes sure that all the policies are playing the same tune, working together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect and restore nature. Of course, there are many questions associated with governance of the European Green Deal!

In the latest “Green Deal – Big Deal?” podcast episode, the hosts Ewa Iwaszuk and Nick Evans from Ecologic Institute discuss these questions, together with their interview guests Claire Dupont (University of Ghent) and Sharon Turner (independent expert associated with European Climate Foundation and University of Sussex). The two guests explain their understanding of EU governance, how it has evolved over the years, and its crucial role in shaping Europe’s future.

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The Amsterdam robot providing life after iPhone

The Intercept

GARBAGE IN, TOXICS OUT

They Promised “Advanced Recycling” for Plastics and Delivered Toxic Waste

FEAD mentions in the Press:

Landenwaterr: [Richtlijn stedelijk afvalwater herzien](#)

Euinsider: [Fead appoints Paolo Campanella as new Secretary General](#)

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](#)



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