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**Hello from Brussels.** The ENVI Committee has been busy at work, adopting its positions on several topics such as PPWR, WEEE, Pesticides and more. In Parliament, however, the MEPs rushed to table the various amendments for the targeted revision of the Waste Framework Directive. 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 [adopted](#), on 24 October, its [position](#) on PPWR.

FEAD published a [press release](#) where we opposed Compromise Amendments 16 and 25, which introduce closed-loop recycling, priority access to recycled materials, and biobased material substitution. These changes may reduce recycling rates, hinder market opportunities, and go against waste management principles, undermining European recycling efforts.

**Waste Framework Directive (WFD):** On the 26 October, the ENVI Committee at the European Parliament had its deadline to table amendments to the WFD revision. On the same day, FEAD published a [press release](#) supporting mandatory separate collection of textile waste starting in 2025 to improve recycling by reducing cross-contamination, but warning against any changes in the Waste Framework Directive that go beyond the targeted revision proposed by the European Commission.

**Critical Raw Material (CRM):** A Trilogue took place on 24 October during which the recycling goal fixed by the European Commission was discussed, but no consensus was reached according to [Contexte](#).

**Net-Zero technology Industrial Act (NZIA):** On 25 October, the ITRE Committee [adopted](#) the [Compromise Agreements](#) by MEP Christian Ehler (EPP, Germany).

**Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE):** On 24 October, the ENVI Committee adopted MEP Anna Zalewska's (ECR, Poland) [report](#) on a targeted revision of WEEE proposed by the Commission following the 25 January 2022 Court of Justice judgement.

**Classification, Labelling and Packaging of chemical substances revision (CLP):** The Trilogues on CLP will begin at the start of November reports [Contexte](#).

**Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act:** On 20 October, the EC published two notices on the EU Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act to answer frequently asked questions by companies on taxonomy. The first [one](#), interprets technical screening criteria of the EU Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act. The second [one](#) contains further information on the reporting of Taxonomy-eligible and Taxonomy-aligned economic activities and assets. These notices correspond to the drafts published in December 2022.

**Certification Framework for Carbon Removal (CFCR):** On 24 October, the ENVI Committee [adopted](#) its position on a new EU certification framework for technological and natural carbon removals to help achieve EU climate neutrality by 2050.

**Pesticides:** On 24 October, the ENVI Committee [adopted](#) its [position](#) on the sustainable use of plant protection products.

**Fossil fuel:** In a 2023 [report](#), the International Agency of Energy states that the demand for fossil fuel has been reduced from 80% to what could be 73% in 2030.

**Green Hydrogen:** The EC [announced](#) the launch of 2 projects that will be financed by the Innovation Fund (which is being financed by the revenues of the carbon market).

**European Commission:** In a [report](#) addressed to the EP and the Council, the EC warned Member States on their climate goals.



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

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## **ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION: PRIORITIES 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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## In-depth: Why major changes to chemical regulations are still in the pipeline, despite the shelving of REACH revisions

A long awaited proposal to revise the 2009 regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) has been definitively shelved, but work continues on the biggest ever restriction proposal under the existing regulatory regime.

by Robert Hodgson



### 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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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](#)

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