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The 2024 EU elections for the European Parliament have concluded, and the new mandate is slowly but surely being set up. We look forward to seeing the newly elected representatives take their positions and begin their work.

Read our manifesto





2024 European Elections: The results of the European Parliament elections are in! The European People's Party remains the first political group, with 189 seats (13 more compared to 2019), ahead of the Social Democrats, with 135 seats (4 less). Then Renew with 79 seats (23 less). The Greens currently hold 53 seats (18 less). The ECR now hold 76 seats (7 seats more) and ID holds 58 seats (9 more). There are also 45 non-attached members and 46 newly elected Members not allied to any of the political groups set up in

the outgoing Parliament (until now).

Read the results here.

Environment Council - 17 June: According to the <u>agenda</u> of the Environment Council, today, Member States will approve its general approach on three important topics: the first on the soil monitoring directive, the second on the waste framework directive and the third on the environmental claims directive.

Waste Framework Directive Revision (WFD): The measures against fast fashion proposed by France, and supported by other Member States, were included in the **general** approach of the waste framework directive revision finalised on 7 June by the Belgian Presidency.

Soil Monitoring Law (SML): On 11 June, Member States' general approach on the SML was published.

Nature Restoration Law: Today, the Council formally <u>adopted</u> the Regulation on Nature Restoration.

Bisphenol A: The Commission's proposal on banning Bisphenol A in products that come into contact with food was <u>adopted</u> by Member State experts (under the comitology procedure) on 12 June.

'One substance one assessment' (OSOA): On 14 June, the Council <u>adopted</u> its mandate for the negotiations with the European Parliament on the OSOA package.

ECHA report - Regulatory challenges: On 12 June, ECHA <u>published</u> its updated report on key areas of regulatory challenge.

European electricity market: On 7 June, the European Commission published a <u>report</u> that states that in the European Union in 2023, 44% of electricity was generated by renewable energies; six percentage points higher than the previous year.

International Agreement on Plastic Pollution: The General Secretariat of the Council published an <u>information note</u> from the Council Presidency and the Commission on the fourth Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-4) meeting, which took place on 12 June 2024.

European Nuclear Industry Manifesto: In a <u>manifesto</u> published on 13 June, more than 40 nuclear industry organisations called on the European Union to 'facilitate access to private and public financing so that all viable solutions receive the support needed to contribute to the energy transition.'

European Parliament: Virginijus Sinkevičius will <u>leave</u> the European Commission to join the European Parliament following the elections.

European Council President: According to <u>Politico</u>, the former Prime Minister of Portugal, António Costa, is being considered as a potential candidate for the post of the European Council President.



Plastics Europe Let's Talk Plastics series

Electing Europe: EU institutional change and expected impacts on the Plastics value chain

19 June 2024 10:00 - 10:45 am CET

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This value chain session will share insights on the transition process and provide a first analysis of the election outcome and its potential impact on the plastics industry and its value chain, look at the future of the EU Green Deal, and cover key milestones for the rest of 2024 and what to look out for next. It will also be followed by a short Q&A session.

This session will include as speakers:

Paolo Campanella (Secretary General FEAD, the European Waste Management Association)

Virginia Janssens (Managing Director Plastics Europe)

Moderator: Sylvie Aitken (Communications Director Plastics Europe)

Event Details:

Date: 19 June

Time: 10:00 - 10:45 am CET

Venue: online

Please register to join by 18 June COB.

The Plastics Europe Team



Take part in the launch of INCITE

The European Innovation Centre for Industrial Transformation and Emissions (INCITE) is a

one-of-a-kind initiative that will accelerate the implementation of clean industrial technologies, while contributing to a circular and more competitive industry in Europe.

The innovation centre is a key element of the new Industrial Emissions Directive, and adds a forward-looking mechanism to the Sevilla process. It will be set up in Seville (Spain), and launched in an interactive event next 21 June together with industry, innovators, financiers, environmental NGOs, think-tanks, Member States and EU officials.

Register to join us in Seville or remotely (web-streaming) for the launch.



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GreenTalks 2024

LabAnalysis Environmental Science and SMA Green & Smart Solutions is hosting the fourth cycle of GreenTalks, the free webinars that promote a scientific debate on Environmental Sustainability and the Green Economy. Academic experts as well as industry professionals will participate to provide a current and quality point of view on specific issues.

Register and more information: https://www.greentalks.it/





EU top court clarifies status of incineration in ETS

Manfred Weber has already won the European Parliament election. Can he handle what comes next?

MARKET

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FEAD mentions in the Press:

Circulaire-IT: Afvalbeheerassociatie FEAD wil circulaire materiaalgebruikswet voor EU

RecyclingToday: <u>FEAD publishes manifesto calling for European circular material use</u> <u>act</u>

Resource: <u>EUROPEAN LEADERS ASKED TO INTRODUCE AN EU CIRCULAR</u>

<u>MATERIAL USE ACT</u>

EUWID: FEAD calls for new EU Circular Material Use Act in pre-election manifesto

GSAigieniurbana: <u>LA FEAD PUBBLICA IL SUO MANIFESTO PER LE ELEZIONI</u>
<u>EUROPEE DEL 2024</u>

Letsrecycle: FEAD calls for a Circular Material Use Act



- Go to your Member Area (https://fead.be/index.php > "Members Only")
- Enter your login and password (Please ask your login and password to <u>info@fead.be</u> if you forgot it)
- Go to "Active Files". Here you have access to all files followed by FEAD Secretariat.
 For further information or enquiries, please contact the FEAD Secretariat at info@fead.be