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Who's afraid of the big bad von? After last week, it seems like everybody in the EU institutions is. From Thierry Breton's resignation, to key portfolios being diluted between multiple Commissioners and discontentment from the Parliament who feels snubbed, Ursula's reign is starting to feel more and more like a gust of wind ready to blow over any competition...

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College of Commissioner: On 17 September, Ursula von der Leyen presented the next **College of Commissioners** to the Parliament and then to the public. This new mandate includes six Executive Vice-Presidents: Teresa Ribera Rodríguez (Spain, Executive Vice-President for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition), Henna Virkkunen

(Finland, Executive Vice-President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy), Stéphane Séjourné (France, Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy), Kaja Kallas (Estonia, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission), Roxana Mînzatu (Romania, Executive Vice-President for People, Skills and Preparedness) and Raffaele Fitto (Italy, Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms).

Targeted PFAS restriction: On 19 September, the European Commission [announced](#) that, under the REACH Regulation, it is restricting the use of undecafluorohexanoic acid ('PFHxA') and PFHxA -related substances which are sub-groups of PFAS.

PFAS (Risk based approach) - speech by German chancellor: On 12 September, during the [VCI Chemistry and Pharma Summit](#) in Berlin, German chancellor, Olaf Scholz stated that 'we reject a total and undifferentiated ban of all these chemical groups'. On the revision of REACH, the chancellor explained that a 'risk-based approach must be retained' in opposition to the generic risk approach (GRA).

Landfill Directive: Slovakia has been [convicted](#) by the European court of Justice for the mismanagement of its landfills.

European Council meeting: According to the [draft agenda](#) for the 17-18 October European Council, the COP29 and the Draghi report will be the topics of discussions.

Project Common Interest (PCI): The European Commission has [launched](#) a call for applications for energy infrastructure PCIs. 'The call for the electricity, hydrogen & electrolyser categories runs from 18 September to 18 November 2024, and for the smart electricity grids, smart gas grids, CO₂ and the projects falling under the Article 24 derogation, from 18 September to 18 December 2024'.

European Environment Agency briefing on PFAS in textiles: According to a [briefing](#) by the European Environment Agency, textiles are one of the biggest sources of PFAS pollution in Europe (35% of total global PFAS demand are from textiles).

European Court of Auditors report on EU's revenue based non-recycled plastic packaging waste: On 16 September, the European Court of Auditors [published](#) a report on the EU's revenue based on non-recycled plastic packaging waste which underlines that Member States were poorly prepared and used different compilation methods.

Draghi report - reaction by the Commission biodiversity chief: On 19 September, during the WWF's European Business Biodiversity Forum, Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director for Biodiversity at the Directorate-General for the Environment, [stated](#) that according to him, Draghi's report on the future of EU competitiveness is a 'compromise-based approach' explaining that it compromises environmental goals for others.

FEAD News: Busy busy week at FEAD! On 16 September, FEAD's Secretary General, Paolo Campanella, presented on waste management solutions in the EU and discussed the challenges we face as we move toward a more circular economy at the 14th International Recycling Logistics Conference. On 18 September, FEAD's Environmental and Technical Officer, Rafael Basciano, participated to the [CIMPA](#)'s workshop on multilayer packaging.

On the same day, our Senior Legal & Policy Officer, Aizea-Astor Hoschen, was at the Industrial Emission Alliance meeting, a day after giving a presentation for [Geminor](#) at a HUB opening in Landskrona.

At FEAD, we're gearing up for an exciting end of the year with **two key events**:

- On **31 October**, we will be co-hosting a joint [conference](#) on 'Higher energy and material security in EU countries' in Prague.
- On **5 December**, we're organising a [conference](#) on Circular Economy Priorities in Brussels.

PRESS REVIEW & REPORTS



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Registrations for CEWEP's international Conference on Residues from Waste-to-Energy 'Ash to Resource' are now open and they look forward to welcoming you in Mechelen (near Brussels, Belgium) on **25th September 2024!** The programme brings together residues experts from across Europe to tackle topics such as environmental contribution, residues utilisation and material recovery. There will be ample opportunity for networking during the breaks and the walking dinner on the evening of 25th September. The next day, 26th September 2024, there's a possibility to visit Indaver's ash treatment facility.

More detailed information on the programme and how to register can be found [here](#).

If you have any inquiries about the conference, please contact leen.de.bruycker@cewep.eu.



Conference

Higher energy and material security in EU countries

FEAD & CAO^bH
International
Conference



31 October 2024,
Prague



FEAD and CAO^bH, our member from the Czech Republic, are organising a conference titled '**Higher energy and material security in EU countries**' in the beautiful city of Prague.

Key details:

Date: 31 October 2024

Venue: Impact Hub, Drtinova 10, Prague 5

Time: 09:00 – 16:00

Program:

09.00-09.30: Registration & coffee

09.30-09.40: Welcome and introduction by CAO^bH

09.40-09.50: Introduction by Claudia Mensi, FEAD President

9.50-10.15: Energy

11.00-12.00: Recycling

12.00-13.00: Lunch Break

13.00-15.00: Climate & Economy

15.00-16.00: Water

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The 14th International Reverse Logistics Conference will be held on September 16–17, 2024 at the world's first Ecological Theatre Bohema House in Warsaw.

Main goals of the 14th International Recycling Logistics Conference:

- presentation of basic responsibilities related to packaging and packaging waste in warehouse logistics – e-commerce seller and waste collector,
- discussion of issues related to waste incineration plants as an indispensable element of the circular economy,
- familiarizing participants with waste management solutions in the European Union,
- developing the assumptions of green business models within the Circular Economy,
- taxonomy in the company,
- basic responsibilities in environmental protection.

[Registration](#)

Training as a responsible person - according to 26 AWG 2002 | NEW

18-21 November 2024

New in the VOEB program: Training as a responsible person - in accordance with Section 26 AWG 2002. The VOEB Academy will be offering the 4-day course for the first time in November 2024. Numerous experts and practitioners from waste management - from authorities to companies - enable a practical transfer of knowledge: from waste law to collection and recycling. The varied theoretical units are rounded off by an excursion to the waste incineration plant of Energie AG (WAV Wels). The training is recognized in some federal states as legal proof of professional knowledge and skills.

The 4-day course consists of the training modules Law | Regulations for AWG | Occupational and Employee Protection as well as Fire and Explosion Protection | Chemical Basics in Waste Management | Collection, Recycling and Treatment and an excursion to WAV-Wels (Energie AG). In addition, the course also includes a joint dinner for increased exchange and networking.

FEAD Conference

Brussels →

CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRIORITIES



5 DECEMBER
2024

BRUSSELS
FROM 9:30 AM

SAVE THE DATE!

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We are excited to announce that our conference on Circular Economy Priorities will be held on **5 December 2024 at 9h30 in Brussels**.

Please mark your calendars and join us! More information will be coming soon, but we encourage you to save this date and look forward to your participation.

[Register now](#)



FEAD mentions in the Press:

Recyclopro: [PFAS-studie stelt dubbele beoordeling voor](#)

Retema: [Reportaje - Europa hacia la circularidad: la necesidad de una Ley de uso circular de materiales](#)

Circulaire-IT: [Afvalbeheerassociatie FEAD wil circulaire materiaalgebruikswet voor EU](#)

RecyclingToday: [FEAD publishes manifesto calling for European circular material use act](#)

Resource: [EUROPEAN LEADERS ASKED TO INTRODUCE AN EU CIRCULAR MATERIAL USE ACT](#)

EUWID: [FEAD calls for new EU Circular Material Use Act in pre-election manifesto](#)

GSAigienurbana: [LA FEAD PUBBLICA IL SUO MANIFESTO PER LE ELEZIONI EUROPEE DEL 2024](#)

Letsrecycle: [FEAD calls for a Circular Material Use Act](#)



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