



## NEWSLETTER N° 190 - 14 OCTOBER 2024

**Big developments in the EU this week!** The official timeline for the Commissioners-designate is finally out, and the race is on to meet the European Parliament's high expectations. Meanwhile, there's a whirlwind of action on industrial emissions, climate targets, CO<sub>2</sub>, energy, critical raw materials, and more. Dive into the text to get the full scoop!



**Hearings for Commissioners-designate:** The European Parliament published the [official programme](#) for the confirmation hearings of the Commissioners-designate.

**Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD):** On 8 October, the European Parliament [approved](#) the 'corrigenda' to the UWWTD (ENVI 2022/0345(COD)). The Directive must now be validated by the Council of the EU before it can be published in the

Official Journal of the EU and enter into force.

**Construction Products Regulation:** The corrigenda on the Construction Products Regulation has been [approved](#) by the European Parliament (IMCO 2022/0094(COD)).

**Council approves conclusions ahead of COP29:** On 8 October, the Council [approved](#) conclusions on climate finance ahead of the United Nations framework convention on climate change (UNFCCC) meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 11 to 22 November 2024 (COP 29).

**October infringement package:** On [3 October](#), the European Commission launched a new infringement package. On environmental issues, the Commission calls on Portugal to ensure proper collection and treatment of urban waste water and referred the country to the Court of Justice of the EU for not having fully transposed into national law the obligations set out in the IED 2010. It also calls on France to correctly transpose the Single-Use Plastics Directive and Austria to improve its national rules on the prevention of major accidents involving dangerous substances.

**Emissions trading system (ETS) Directive:** The Rules on carbon chemically bound to a product have been [published](#) in the EU's Official Journal on 4 October.

**Prices on carbon market (ETS):** The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's financial markets regulator and supervisor, published on 7 October the 2024 EU Carbon Markets [report](#).

**2040 Climate targets:** On 3 October, the Bruegel think tank published a [policy brief](#) on Europe's 2040 climate target: four critical risks and how to manage them.

**Eurelectric report on EU electrification:** Eurelectric published on 3 October its [Power Barometer 2024](#) Zeroing in on industrial electrification, energy security and decarbonisation.

**Renewable Energy - International Energy Agency (IEA) report:** On 9 October, the IEA published its 2024 [report](#) on the renewable energy market with an analysis and forecast to 2030.

**Critical Raw Materials Act (CRM):** The NGO InfluenceMap issued a [report](#) analyzing EU industry advocacy on the EU Critical Raw Materials Act.

**G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG):** On 3 October in Brazil, the environment and climate ministers of the G20 countries reached a [consensus](#) on climate and sustainability.

**Union database (UDB):** The Commission has [published](#) a draft delegated regulation that extends the scope of the 'Union database', intended to enable the tracing of liquid and gaseous renewable fuels and recycled carbon fuels.

**FEAD news:** On October 8, 2024, an international seminar "Experiences of the Polish municipal industry 1989-2024" was held in Gliwice (Poland). The seminar was organized by the Faculty of Environmental Engineering and Energy of the Silesian University of Technology and was held under the honorary patronage of the Polish Ministry of Climate and Environment. The main topic of the seminar was to summarize the functioning of the waste market and municipal industry in Poland since 1989. The extraordinary value of the event resulted from the fact that statements, opinions and positions were presented by both renowned scientists (university environments) and long-time practitioners. During the event, particular attention was paid to the issue of fair competition in the municipal (waste) industry. The plans to introduce a new competition policy, announced suddenly by the European Commission, were discussed. Participants expressed concern that the changes may not lead to the expansion of the free market (including waste) - but to its wide restriction. It was noted that the restrictions may be a response to the ongoing expansion of Chinese public companies on the European market and the war economy announced by EU representatives. It was discussed that the crisis situation in the EU may lead to the transfer of control over the market (including municipal) to public entrepreneurs (State-Owned Enterprises). The alarm was raised that the urgent action is necessary. It was emphasized that the way out of this situation is to form a coalition of various industries (including waste) for the introduction of the new Directive on Competition - ensuring that the EU takes the direction of economic freedom, not its restriction. The participants responded with great approval to the idea of the new Directive on Competition – expressing full support its introduction and the need to take urgent and joint action in this direction. The event was the subject of great interest from both the private and public sectors. The website of the event, along with the recording of the live broadcast, is available at the following [link](#). An example publication in a polish national daily can be found at the following [link](#). PIGO took part to this Seminar, available in the video from min 26:04.

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.

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## PRESS REVIEW & REPORTS



The UK's first carbon capture pilot on an energy-from-waste facility goes live

Stop trashing electronic products with ordinary garbage

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## EVENTS CALENDAR



**European  
Environment  
Agency**

### **Launch event of EEA report — Europe's state of water 2024: the need for improved water resilience**

EEA will launch an event to present the report — **Europe's state of water 2024: the need for improved water resilience** on 15 October 2024 at 10:00 CEST.

By attending, you will gain **insights into the report's key findings**, hear an address from Ms. **Veronica Manfredi, Director for Zero Pollution at DG Environment of the European Commission** and participate in a **Q&A session**.

[Register now](#)



Conference

# Higher energy and material security in EU countries

FEAD & CAOĚH  
International  
Conference



31 October 2024,  
Prague



FEAD and CAOĚH, 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 CAOĚH

**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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**VOEB-Seminar**  
*Weiterbildung & Schulungen*



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.

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# FEAD Conference

Brussels →

CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRIORITIES



5 DECEMBER  
2024

BRUSSELS  
FROM 9:30 AM

SAVE THE DATE!

[WWW.FEAD.BE](http://WWW.FEAD.BE)

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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