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The Commissioners-designate hearings wrapped up last week, but the real drama is only just beginning. The political groups in the European Parliament are acting as judge, jury, and executioner, deciding the fate of the Executive Vice-President designates through the mysterious art of political negotiation. Who will survive the final cut, and who will be shown the door?

THE PRAGUE PHOTOS ARE LIVE



Budapest Declaration on EU Competitiveness: On 8 November, EU leaders [adopted](#) a New European Competitiveness Deal: the Budapest Declaration.

Stéphane Séjourné hearing: On 12 November, [Stéphane Séjourné](#), Commissioner-designate, Prosperity and Industrial Strategy had his hearing with MEPs. The election by MEPs of the full college of Commissioners is currently scheduled to take place during the 25-28 November plenary session.

Teresa Ribera Rodriguez hearing: On 12 November, [Teresa Ribera Rodríguez](#), Executive Vice-President-designate of the European Commission for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition was heard by MEPs for her hearing. In the end, the MEPs decided to postpone their assessment of the appointment of the Ribera and link her fate to the other executive vice-presidents'.

November infringement package: In its regular package of [infringement decisions](#), the European Commission pursues legal action against Member States for failing to comply with their obligations under EU law. In this case, the Commission has called on Greece to report data on compliance with recycling targets in line with the Waste Framework Directive (WFD) and on Hungary to correctly transpose this Directive as well as the Landfill Directive. In addition, it has called on Ireland, Bulgaria and Romania to comply with the judgments of the Court of Justice on the adequate collection and treatment of urban waste water. Finally, it also called on France to ensure that its labelling requirements for waste sorting comply with the principle of free movement of goods.

PFAS in fire fighting foams: On 8 November, the European Commission has published a [public consultation](#) on perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related substance. The aim of the consultation is to postpone the date of the ban for fire-fighting foams (originally for 4 July 2025) and propose new concentration limits as an unintentional trace contaminant.

Ecodesign Forum: On 7 November, the Commission has [published](#) the call for applications for experts for its new ecodesign forum.

Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) - JRC conclusions: On 13 November, the JRC issued its [conclusions](#) on the products that need to be prioritised for the development of ESPR standards.

Soil monitoring and resilience directive: The European Parliament [published](#) a briefing on the ongoing negotiations on the soil monitoring and resilience directive.

Clean Industrial Deal - Written question: On 17 October, MEP Dan-Stefan

Motreanu (EPP, Romania) submitted a [written question](#) for answer to the Commission on the Clean Industrial Deal.

COP29: On 14 November, the European Parliament [adopted](#) its draft resolution on COP29.

National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs): On 14 November, the European Commission [launched](#) infringement procedures against the 13 Member states that have not yet submitted their NECPs.

Energy Charter Treaty (ECT): On 11 November, the Commission [published](#) a proposal for a Councils Decision urging them not to oppose the modernisation of the ECT at the upcoming conference on 3 December.

EU's energy security framework - test: An exercise testing the European Union's energy security framework has [concluded](#) that the EU is well prepared to deal with the worst and 'most unlikely scenarios'.

Russian fossil fuels: On 14 November, in a adopted [non-binding resolution](#), the European Parliament asked all Member States to ban all imports of Russian fossil fuels including Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

Mutual recognition of goods - evaluation: The final summary report of the public consultation on mutual recognition of goods was [published](#).

EU Competition policy - BusinessEurope: On 11 November, BusinessEurope [published](#) what they consider should be the priorities for the next political cycle.

Priorities for the future of EU State Aid Framework - BusinessEurope: In June 2024, BusinessEurope [published](#) a report titled 'Priorities for the future of EU State Aid Framework'.

Commission Communication: Paula Pinho has been [nominated](#) as the European Commission's new Chief Spokesperson.

Maltese Commissioner: Clint Tanti will be the [head of Cabinet](#) for Glenn Micallef, European Commissioner for the Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport.

Maltese representative: Neil Kerr has been [appointed](#) as the new Maltese ambassador to the EU.

FEAD news: Last week, FEAD's Secretary General, Paolo Campanella, was at VIBES project in Spain. Rafael Basciano, our Environmental and Technical Officer participated to a panel during the second edition of EU Chemicals and Sustainability Conference on Wednesday 13 November.



Who aced (and flunked) the commissioner hearings? Here's what our insiders have to say.

Almost 12% of materials in the EU came from recycling

COP29: Will the EU be a bridge builder in Baku?

Le marché des vêtements de seconde main attaqué de toutes parts



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.

FEAD Conference

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CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRIORITIES



5 DECEMBER
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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.**

Unfortunately, this event is now fully booked. For those joining us, the full programme will soon be available!

SUM2025

8th Multidisciplinary Symposium on
Circular Economy & Urban Mining
21 - 23 MAY 2025 / Procida, Italy

SUM 2025 - 8th Multidisciplinary Symposium on Circular Economy and Urban Mining will be held from 21 to 23 May 2025 in the stunning island of Procida (Naples, Italy).

The conference, organised by IWWG-International Waste Working Group, has been held every two years since 2012. Following the great success of the 2024 edition, which attracted participants from 34 different countries and various disciplines (including Agronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Engineering, Law, Material Science, Medicine, Geography and other Social Sciences), and considering the intense and rapid development of topics and issues related to Circular Economy, the SUM Symposium has become an annual event.

This decision is aimed at promoting a more continuous interaction and collaboration across diverse fields, encouraging sustained, multidisciplinary dialogue and strategic partnerships.

The Call for Papers is officially open! All authors interested in presenting their work at SUM 2025 are invited to submit their papers on the symposium topics by filling in the online submission form

Deadline: **10 March 2025** Detailed instructions are available at: <https://www.sumsymposium.it/en/call-for-papers>

For any further information, please visit the official website at www.sumsymposium.it or contact the Organising Secretariat at info@sumsymposium.it



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](#)

GSAigieniurbana: [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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