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Once upon a time in the land of the EU Bubble, where policy and politics intertwined like magic, all seemed well again. Indeed, after a week of intense negotiations, the nominees for Executive Vice-Presidents of the Commission are ready to be validated, with their journey set to begin on 1 December!



College of Commissioners: On 20 November, the six nominees for the roles of Executive Vice-Presidents of the Commission were validated by MEPs after days of negotiations between the political parties. The plenary vote to confirm these decisions will take place on 27 November during the plenary session. [Politico](#) reports that the next college of Commissioners is due to start working on 1 December.

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR): On 20 November, Executive

Vice-President Šefčovič, on behalf of the European Commission, [answered](#) a [written question](#) by MEP Christine Schneider (Germany, EPP) on the PPWR who accused the Commission of a lack comprehensive scientific analysis or impact assessment in relation to the reuse targets.

PFAS restriction progress: On 20 November, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and authorities from Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden released a [progress update](#) on the process to restrict per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in Europe.

Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA): On 19 November, the European Parliament's think tank [published](#) a briefing on Implementing the EU's CRMA.

Ambient air quality Directive & Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Chemicals (CLP): On 20 November, the [Ambient air quality Directive](#) and the [CLP Regulation](#) were published in the EU's Official Journal.

Textile Emergency Action Plan (TEAP): Three associations (Zero Waste Europe, Rreuse and ACR+) have published an [open letter](#), addressed to the European Commission and the Member States asking for financial help for the used and waste textile sector which they explain is in its 'greatest-ever crisis'.

EU Framework for permanent carbon removals, carbon farming and carbon storage: On 19 November, the Council [approved](#) the Regulation establishing the first EU certification framework for permanent carbon removals, carbon farming and carbon storage in products. The aim is to facilitate high quality carbon removal.

European hydrogen markets - 2024 Market monitoring report: On 19 November, the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) published a [report](#) on European hydrogen markets which states that with current consumption at 7.2 mt (with 99.7% of it comes from fossil fuels), the EU's target of 20 Mt of renewable hydrogen consumption by 2030 will be challenging to achieve.

Emission Trading Systems (ETS): On 19 November, the European Commission [published](#) the first findings on the functioning of the European carbon market in 2023.

Innovation Fund 2024 Auction: The Commission clarified the terms and conditions for the

second Innovation Fund renewable hydrogen auction, planned for 3 December, in a [document](#).

EU Electricity supply for 2024 winter: The EU is well prepared for winter in terms of electricity supply, despite some risks in some regions, this according to a [report](#) by the European Network of Transmission System Operators (ENTSO-E) which was published on 15 November.

COP29: On 15 November, the Azerbaijani presidency (the host of the COP29) [launched](#) an initiative where countries and organisations commit to 'increase the production and deployment of renewable, clean/zero-emission and low-carbon hydrogen and accelerate decarbonization of existing fossil fuel hydrogen production not coupled with carbon capture technologies'.

COP29 agreement on climate financing: On 24 November, the UN Climate Conference closed with an [agreement](#) to triple financing to developing countries, protecting lives and livelihoods.

G20 Rio de Janeiro Leader's Declaration: On 18 November, the G20 adopted a [declaration](#) which states that they 'prioritize the prevention and, where not possible, the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste in support of a circular economy' and 'are determined to end plastic pollution and commit to working together with the ambition to conclude by the end of 2024 the negotiations of an ambitious, fair and transparent international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution'.

Global target for the production of primary plastic polymers -

study: A [report](#) published on 13 November by the NGO Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) and prepared by the firm Eunomia shows that a 40% reduction in the production of plastic globally by 2040 is unlikely to be achieved if our current trajectory is maintained, however, it is feasible if a 43% recycling rate is also integrated.


Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development: Re-establishment & 2024-2029 policy priorities: On 19 November, the Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Sustainable Development held a high-level [conference](#) to present its 2024–2029 policy priorities and work program.

Maritime safety package: On 18 November, the Council [adopted](#) four new legislations on maritime safety. The legislations concern the 'investigation of accidents in the maritime

transport sector', 'ship-source pollution', 'compliance with flag state requirements' and 'port state control'.

Council Appointments: [Politico](#) reports that journalist [Beatriz Navarro](#), a former foreign correspondent for La Vanguardia, will work as European Council President-elect António Costa's deputy spokesperson and foreign policy and defence expert Bernardo Pires de Lima, a political adviser to Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, will also join Costa's team as a senior adviser and speechwriter.



 EU Confidential
The challenges to energy security in Europe
Europe's energy system is entering a period of radical change.

European plastics makers shut plants as production declines sharply

Azerbaijan leader's fossil fuel praise an 'abuse' of COP29, Belgium says

Forever chemicals: ECHA experts mull 'restriction options other than a ban'





For our French speakers: la FNADE, partenaire de Pollutec Paris, vous invite pour cette édition 2024 : un format sur 2 jours et d'autres nouveautés, du 26 au 27 novembre 2024 à Paris Expo Porte de Versailles (stand B030).

Pollutec Paris, c'est deux jours dédiés aux acteurs de la transition écologique, avec des solutions concrètes et des innovations pour relever les défis environnementaux et climatiques.

Participer à cet événement, c'est aussi l'opportunité de :

- Assister à des conférences inspirantes,
- Rencontrer des experts du secteur,
- Partager des bonnes pratiques,
- Découvrir les dernières avancées technologiques,
- Se tenir informé des nouvelles réglementations,
- Nouer des partenariats stratégiques.

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FEAD's [Conference](#) on **Circular Economy Priorities** is almost here! In just a week, we will be welcoming you on **5 December 2024**, at **9 AM**, at the **KBR, Panorama Room, Mont des Arts 28 Brussels**. Doors open at 9:00am; the conference will start at 9:30am sharp.

This event will be organised in two dynamic panel discussions:

- *The necessary actions for a European Circular Single Market*
- *Boosting the competitiveness of the EU waste management sector to optimise its contribution to the circular economy*

Curious about the full agenda? You can find it [here](#).

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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