



## NEWSLETTER N° 197 - 02 DECEMBER 2024

von der Leyen's Commission 2.0 was validated during the European Parliament's plenary session and all of Brussels uttered a sigh of relief. But at what cost? Though the Commissioners received backing by a majority of MEPs, it was a slim one, at best. But according to various media assessments, at least one person emerged victorious: Manfred Weber, the President of the EPP, now dubbed the maker of kings, or maybe the king of makers?

You know what they say though, heavy is the head that wears the crown, and if we correctly understood the thinly veiled threats made during the speeches by the different political groups, the crown is getting heavier by the day...



**College of Commissioners:** On 27 November, during a European Parliament [plenary session](#), MEP's [voted](#) in favour of the new College of Commissioners. The vote took place

after Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, addressed the Parliament stating that 'European sovereignty is not for sale' and that the European budget is often 'too complex, funding the same thing in different projects'.

**New collective quantified goal on climate finance - COP29 Declaration:** At COP29, governments signed an [agreement](#) on climate finance.

**International Plastic Treaty Fifth Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5):** The plenary of the 5th negotiation session took place on 25 November and included discussions on the committee Chair's proposal to use his '[non-paper](#)' as a basis for negotiations. However, despite the EU's [commitment](#) to 'concluding the negotiations and engaging with other parties to achieve the treaty's conclusion by the end of the year', the [negotiations](#) ended without an agreement but a follow-up session has been planned.

**INC-5 - Statement by Civil Society and Rights Holders Coalition on Room Capacity Issues:** On 26 November, members of the Civil Society and Rights Holders Coalition (which represents more than 200 organisations) published a [statement](#) in which they condemned the organisation of the INC-5 in Busan.

**Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR):** On 26 November 2024, the European Parliament plenary received the Corrigendum to the first reading position on the proposal to revise the PPWR. Since no objection was raised by any political group within the 24 hours period, the [Corrigendum](#) is considered approved.

**JRC technical proposals on EU-wide end-of-waste criteria for plastic waste:** The Joint Research Center (JRC) published on 25 November [technical proposals](#) on EU-wide end-of-waste criteria for plastic waste.

**OECD report on Plastic Pollution:** On 2 October, the OECD published a [report](#) titled 'Policy Scenarios for Eliminating Plastic Pollution by 2040'. The report investigates the potential benefits and consequences of varying levels of international policy ambition to tackle plastic pollution.

**Stagnation in plastic recycling capacities:** On 27 November, Plastics Recyclers Europe [published](#) market data which shows stagnation in plastic recycling capacities.

**The future of European Electric vehicles - European Parliament paper:** On 22 November, the European Parliament think tank published a [paper](#) on 'The future of European Electric vehicles'. This paper provides an overview of EU-China competition in

this industry and presents four scenarios for the future of European EVs by 2030

**6th Trilateral Business Forum Joint Declaration:** The presidents of the MEDEF, BDI and Confindustria (the French, German and Italian associations for employers and industries) released a [joint statement](#) resulting from their 6th Trilateral Business Forum in which they call for the rescue of European competitiveness by focusing on technological neutrality.

**Polish Presidency - Press team:** Politico [reports](#) that Beata Mączka joined the Polish perm rep's press team as deputy spokesperson for Coreper I.

**European Commission - Philippe Lamberts role:** On 25 November, the European Commission [announced](#) in a press release that the Belgian Philippe Lambert, former Co-leader of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament will play a advisory role to the Commission President, to help support the transition to a climate-neutral economy.

**European Commission - Cabinet of Democracy Commissioner:** [RTÉ](#) reports that Fiona Knab-Lunny, who is currently in Josep Borrell's Cabinet, will head the Cabinet of incoming Irish Commissioner Michael McGrath.

**European Parliament Secretary-General Alessandro Chiochetti**

**cabinet:** Politico [reports](#) Clara de Melo Ponce, the Renew group's spokesperson, started this month as a member of Cabinet for European Parliament Secretary-General Alessandro Chiochetti.

**FEAD news:** FEAD is gearing up for our [conference](#) on Circular Economy Priorities on 5 December in Brussels!

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FEAD's [Conference](#) on Circular Economy Priorities is almost here! In just a few days, 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](#).



**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](http://www.sumsymposium.it) or contact the Organising Secretariat at [info@sumsymposium.it](mailto:info@sumsymposium.it)



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