

# FEAD NEWSLETTER



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**The show must go on...** That's the message the Commission is sending as it presents its fourteen Project Groups while the President, von der Leyen, recovers from a bout of pneumonia!

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**Batteries and Waste batteries Regulation:** On 10 January, the European Commission's guidelines to facilitate the harmonised application of provisions on the removability and replaceability of portable batteries and LMT batteries in Regulation was **published** in the EU's Official Journal.

**Commission Project Groups:** Fourteen Project Groups have been **established** on 10 January by the European Commission to deliver on political priorities. The aim of the Project Groups is to ensure preparation and political steer in the delivery of initiatives from

conception to implementation.

**Global Temperature:** On 10 January, Copernicus published a [report](#) that warns that the average global temperature in 2024 'was 1.6°C warmer than the pre-industrial level, making 2024 the first calendar year to exceed this level by more than 1.5°C', 0.12°C higher than 2023.

**2040 Climate target:** On 16 January, Wopke Hoekstra stated during the [ITRE Committee](#) that it is not likely that the Commission will present its legislative proposal for the 2040 climate target in February.

**Microplastic pollution:** On 16 January, ENVI Members [voted](#) favourably to start the interinstitutional negotiations on new rules to prevent plastic pellet losses and reduce microplastic pollution.

**End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV):** The European Parliament [reports](#) that on the 16 January, the Commission presented its proposal for a Regulation on circularity requirements for vehicle design and the management of ELVs to ENVI members.

**Forever Lobbying Project - PFAS investigation :** On 14 January, a consortium of medias, researchers and lawyers (dubbed the [Forever Lobbying Project](#)) [published](#) an investigation coordinated by the French media, Le Monde, which goes into the price of cleaning up PFAS in Europe: up to 100 Billion euros per year.

**Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO) - Report 'Inside the corporate fight against the EU's PFAS restriction':** On 14 January, the Corporate Europe Observatory, the association specialising in lobbying strategies [published](#) a 50-page report on lobbying on the future restriction on 'forever chemicals'.

**AmCham EU - Recommendations to the European Commission on REACH:** The American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) [published](#) a series of recommendations to the Commission in early January on how to simplify REACH.

**ESPR Work Program - Rethink Plastic letter:** On 16 January, the coalition of NGOs Rethink Plastic as well as ECOS and Break Free from Plastic, addressed a [letter](#) to Commissioner for the Environment, Jessika Roswall, urging her to 'include the plastics and polymer sector in the forthcoming first Working Plan under the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR)' explaining that 'stakeholders agree that the sector must be

prioritised'.

**Net-Zero technologies - European Commission study:** On 14 January, the European Commission [published](#) a study on 'the net-zero manufacturing industry landscape across the Member States'.

**Civil society and trade union organisations letter to Ursula von der Leyen on the risks of simplification:** In a [letter](#) dated 13 January, more than 200 European civil society and trade union organisations warn the Commission against the 'risks of misdirected simplification' of legislation.

**DG Environment - revision of options for simplification of reporting**

**requirements:** Trinomics, in cooperation with WSP and Ricardo, are currently conducting a [study](#) on behalf of DG Environment to review options for simplification of environmental legislation reporting requirements, notably from a business perspective. This study does not relate to reporting requirements from CSRD, CSDDD and the Taxonomy.

**European Parliament Think Tank - Study on 'Benefit of an EU strategic innovation agenda':** On the 13 January, the European Parliament Think Tank published a [study](#) on the benefit of an EU strategic innovation agenda.

**ENVI Committee:** The European Parliament [reports](#) that on 23 January, the ENVI Committee will hold an exchange of views with Paulina Henning-Kloska, Polish Minister of Climate and Environment. The debates are expected to focus on the priorities of the Polish Council Presidency.

**FEAD News:** FEAD is participating to the organisation of a series of events in February:

- PFAS in Waste: a webinar about Current Challenges and Future European Initiatives in collaboration with Mérieux Nutrisciences on **6 February**. More information [here](#).
  - Hazards Out | Workshop 1 on **11 February from 2pm to 3.30pm**. More information [here](#).
  - The [GRINNER Project](#) and [Batteries Roundtable](#) Members ([WEEE Forum](#), [EuRIC](#), [FEAD](#), [EUCOBAT](#), [Municipal Waste Europe](#), [WEEELABEX](#)) are organising a roundtable on 'The challenges of lithium battery fires in the management of e-waste' on **18 February in Brussels**. More information [here](#).
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# 5 green targets EU countries will (mostly) miss in 2025

EU's net-zero champions face 'significant challenges'

2024 Brought the World to a Dangerous Warming Threshold. Now What?

Les PFAS, une famille de 10 000 « polluants éternels » qui contaminent toute l'humanité



**Mérieux**  
NutriSciences

FREE WEBINAR

**PFAS and Waste:  
Current Challenges and Future European Initiatives**

6 FEBRUARY 2025 | 3:00 - 4:30 pm (CET)

in collaboration with

FEAD  
European Waste  
Management Association

PFAS and Waste: a webinar about Current Challenges and Future European Initiatives

The presence of PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in waste streams poses significant environmental and regulatory challenges, as these persistent chemicals continue to raise concerns worldwide.

This webinar will delve into the complexities of PFAS detection and management, featuring a critical review of the current and proposed European regulatory framework. Experts will frame the issue, including the approach to the analysis of PFAS in waste, and explore upcoming policy initiatives by the European Commission.

**This webinar is realized in collaboration with FEAD – European Waste Management Association**

February 6 – Free webinar: PFAS in Waste: Current Challenges and Future European Initiatives

**15 – 16.30 CET**

**Discover the Agenda!**

- Introduction by Claudia Mensi, FEAD President
- Presentation of the recently published study ‘The presence of PFAS in wastes and related implications on the current and proposed European regulatory framework: a systematic critical review’, by Giovanni Beggio, Researcher at the Department of Environmental Engineering, Padua University
- ‘PFAS-related policies and the potential upcoming initiatives’, a presentation by Valentina Bertato, European Commission
- ‘PFAS Testing: Overcoming Challenges and Considering Alternatives’, Paola Verza, Special Projects Technical Manager at Mérieux NutriSciences

**[Register now!](#)**

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On 11 February from 2pm to 3.30pm, [FEAD](#), in partnership with [ACR+](#) and [Hazardous Waste Europe](#), are organising a workshop on Hazards Out!

The associations have joined forces in the Hazards Out project to support the local authorities, industry and other stakeholders with the implementation of the mandatory separate collection of HHW. The Hazards Out team is organising a series of workshops to exchange best practices and boost collaborations on the HHW management.

If you wish to learn more about the different perspectives and the challenges of separate collection of HHW, join our esteemed speakers in **our first Workshop - What is going to change?**

1. **Daniele Ape**, Policy Officer, DG Environment, **European Commission**
2. **Competent authorities**
3. **Paolo Campanella**, Secretary General, **FEAD**
4. **Nicolas Humez**, President, **Hazardous Waste Europe**
5. **Françoise Bonnet**, Secretary General, **ACR+**

[More information](#)

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**Time:** From 9.30 AM to 3PM

**Location:** FEAD | European Waste Management Association, Rue de la Science 23, 1040 Brussels

Combining the knowledge of the Batteries Roundtable Members and the insights of GRINNER project, this event will revolve around the know-how of fire prevention for waste management facilities, especially on electronic waste.

**Hear from #allactors involved in e-waste handling!**

Learn more of why these fires occur and the related challenges faced by the industry.

Discover successful case studies holistically addressing the topic and how new AI-based technologies may ultimately help in preventing fires caused by batteries in e-waste.

[Registration](#)

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The banner features a green and yellow geometric background on the left. At the top left, it says 'IN ASSOCIATION WITH EfW Net The Energy from Waste Network'. In the center is a circular logo with icons for recycling, waste, energy, and a lightbulb. To the right, the main title 'Energy from Waste' is displayed in large black font, followed by 'London 5-6 March 2025' and 'ETC venue | 155 Bishopsgate'. Below this is the tagline: 'Accelerating decarbonisation and circular economy, across waste to energy, waste to value and waste to X'. A red horizontal bar contains the text 'OFFICIAL 2025 SUPPORTING ORGANISATION'. Below this is the FEAD logo (European Waste Management Association). At the bottom left, social media links for the conference are listed. A final red horizontal bar at the bottom right says 'Book now at www.efwconference.com'.

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**The Energy from Waste Conference 2025 (5-6 March 2025)** once again brings together an exceptional line-up of the industry's best speakers, with technical experts, international leaders, and innovative developers providing an unmissable two days of the latest information.

**Benefit from** a packed two-day programme: explore the critical issues that will impact on your organisation, take part in in-depth discussion sessions and gain greater understanding of emerging trends and directions.

**Gain real value** from the plentiful networking times with top global suppliers and fellow industry leaders.

[Learn more](#)

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# SUM2025

8<sup>th</sup> 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>

SUM is offering a **10% discount on all entrance fees to FEAD members**. Members

interested in attending SUM 2025 can redeem the discount by simply sending an email at [info@sumsymposium.it](mailto:info@sumsymposium.it) with proof of their membership status.

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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On **10-12 June 2025**, Waste Management Europe's expo will be taking place in Bologna, Italy. The Waste Management Europe 2025 Exhibition and Conference promotes cutting-edge thinking in applying innovative solutions to some of the world's greatest challenges. By connecting global experts in waste management, recycling, reuse and circularity, WME 2025 catalyses the acceleration of positive change and inspires both individuals and organisations to improve their own strategies and implementation.

[Find out more](#) about the event and register!

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A promotional banner for the Sardinia 2025 event. The left side has a pink background with white and teal text. The right side has a grey background with teal and black text. The overall design is clean and modern.

**SARDINIA 2025**  
20 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON WASTE MANAGEMENT,  
RESOURCE RECOVERY AND SUSTAINABLE LANDFILLING  
13-17 OCTOBER 2025  
FORTE VILLAGE / S.MARGHERITA DI PULA, CAGLIARI (IT)

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**SARDINIA 2025**

20th International Symposium on Waste Management, Resource Recovery and Sustainable Landfilling

**13-17 October 2025 / Forte Village Resort, S. Margherita di Pula, Cagliari, Italy**

The 20th edition of the Sardinia Symposium will take place at the Forte Village Resort in Santa Margherita di Pula, Cagliari (Italy) from 13 to 17 October 2025.

Sardinia Symposia are a biennial event organized by IWWG - International Waste Working Group, with the scientific involvement of the Universities of Padova (IT), BOKU, Vienna (AT), Tongji (CN) and the Technical Universities of Luleå (SE) and Hamburg (DE).

The programme will include parallel oral sessions, workshops, discussion forums, poster presentations, a commercial exhibition, outstanding networking opportunities and social events.

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Authors interested in presenting their work at the conference must submit an abstract by 17th February 2025 following the instructions available at: [Call for Abstracts](#)

Workshop proposals are also welcome. All details on how to apply: [Call for Workshops](#)

Explore the comprehensive list of [conference topics](#) >>

**FEAD is one of the Promoting Bodies of SARDINIA 2025 and a 10% discount on regular entrance fees is reserved for FEAD members.** Those interested in attending the conference can redeem the discount by sending an email to [info@sardiniasymposium.it](mailto:info@sardiniasymposium.it) with proof of their membership status.

For further information, please visit the official website at [www.sardiniasymposium.it](http://www.sardiniasymposium.it) or contact the Organising Secretariat at [info@sardiniasymposium.it](mailto:info@sardiniasymposium.it)



FEAD mentions in the Press:

RecyclingMagazine: [New member for FEAD](#)

Greenreport: [«Ms. von der Leyen...», l'appello del settore plastica: «Nostra](#)

**competitività minacciata, Ue a un bivio»**

**EUWID: Associations call on EU legislators to ensure EPR schemes for textiles are fair and effective**

**Retema: Prioridades de la economía circular en la UE, a debate en una conferencia de la FEAD**

**Residuosprofesional: La economía circular europea necesita inversiones por 27.000 millones**

**RecyclingMagazine: Experts and policymakers discuss ‘Circular Economy Priorities’ at FEAD’s conference - RECYCLING magazine**

**EUWID: Remondis manager Herwart Wilms to become FEAD president in 2026**

**RecyclingMagazine: FEAD members elect Herwart Wilms as President for 2026**

**Fibre2Fashion: FEAD, EuRIC & Decathlon push for stronger EPS schemes in EU textiles**

**Retema: FEAD, EuRIC y Decathlon urgen a la UE a implementar esquemas efectivos de RAP para impulsar la economía circular del textil**



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- **Enter your login and password** (Please ask your login and password to [info@fead.be](mailto:info@fead.be) if you forgot it)
- **Go to “Active Files”**. Here you have access to all files followed by FEAD Secretariat.

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