

# FEAD NEWSLETTER



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**The Trump era has kicked off with all the subtlety of a bull in a china shop!** The EU now finds itself split into two camps: those tripping over themselves to pledge undying loyalty to The Donald and his entourage, and those clinging to the hope that the EU's collective strength will hold firm. Meanwhile, Trump's Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, has been busy dialling up foreign ministers across EU Member States, but mysteriously, EU officials are still waiting by the phone. Looks like the first shots have been fired...



**European Commission Competitiveness Compass:** On 29 January, following a press conference given by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy, Stéphane Séjourné, the Competitiveness Compass was [published](#).

FEAD has published a press release in response to the publication of the Compass in which we call for a circular economy financing from the European Competitiveness Fund to support the transition away from primary raw materials, ensuring that Europe's strategic autonomy is reinforced, while contributing to the EU's green and digital transition. Read it [here](#).

**Commission 2025 report on the Single Market and Competitiveness:** In addition to the Compass, the European Commission published its annual [report](#) on the Single Market and Competitiveness.

**Circular Economy Act (CEA):** The Commission's Expert Group on Circular Economy and Sustainable Production and Consumption [met](#) on 23 January 2025. The Commission made a presentation on the expected Circular Economy Act.

**Waste Framework Directive:** The next trilogue on the waste framework directive will take place on 18 February and may be the last one.

**Textiles:** In a press release published on 23 January, a French PRO, Refashion [announced](#), a 6 million euros help package for textile sorting facilities currently going through a 'structural' crisis.

**Water Resilience:** On 30 January, the European Parliament published their own [draft report](#) drawn up by MEP Thomas Bajada (S&D, Malta) on Water Resilience.

**PFAS Study:** On 29 January, a [study](#) titled 'The Critical Role of Commercial Analytical Reference Standards in the Control of Chemical Risks: The Case of PFAS and Ways Forward' was published in the review Environmental Health Perspectives (EHP).

**Strengthening the battery industry - European Parliament Briefing:** On 24 January, the European Parliament Think Tank published a [briefing](#) on batteries.

**JRC Study on plastic waste recycling:** On 17 January, the JRC published a [study](#) titled 'Environmental and economic assessment of plastic waste recycling and energy recovery pathways in the EU'. It provides a comparative environmental and economic assessment of plastic waste recycling (mechanical, physical, chemical) and energy recovery, using primary data complemented with external information.

**RecyClass Recyclability Evaluation Protocols:** On 28 January, RecyClass [announced](#) that 'following 18 testing campaigns commissioned in 2024, RecyClass strengthened its Recyclability Evaluation Protocols and Design for Recycling Guidelines to address the impact of various packaging features on plastic recycling streams'.

**Innovation Fund - Funding for decarbonisation projects:** The [Innovation Fund](#) awards grants through calls for proposals and competitive bidding procedures. A [call for proposals](#) of small-scale and large scale decarbonisation projects has been launched. The deadline for

applications is 24 April 2025 (17:00 CET).

**InvestCEC Call for Circular Entrepreneurs:** The Horizon Europe-funded project [InvestCEC](#) has recently launched **call for circular entrepreneurs**. InvestCEC is developing a model to connect circular businesses, particularly startups, with cities and public service providers. They are looking for entrepreneurs in renewable energy, waste management, wastewater valorisation and recycling. The [second call for entrepreneurs](#) is now open (deadline: **15 February**).

**Renew Position paper on Clean Industrial Deal:** On 29 January, Renew published a [position paper](#) on 'Key demands on Clean Industrial Deal'.

**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](#).

**PRESS REVIEW & REPORTS**



## What's in von der Leyen's plan to save the EU economy?

**EU's new economic vision is speaking to Green Deal critics**

# European court slams Italy over mafia toxic waste dumping

## Seven key environmental legal cases to track in 2025



FEAD mentions in the Press:

Retema: [FEAD solicita financiación para la economía circular con cargo al Fondo Europeo de Competitividad](#)

ResiduosProfesionale: [Los gestores de residuos piden financiación para la economía circular a través del Fondo de Competitividad de la UE](#)

Greenreport: [Dalla Bussola per la competitività al Fondo per l'economia circolare: all'Ue mancano 27 mld di euro](#)

StaffettaRifiuti: [UE, Gead chiede un fondo per l'economia circolare](#)

mrw: [Recyclers call for dedicated EU circular economy fund](#)

RecyclingMagazine: [FEAD calls for circular economy financing](#)

RecyclingPortal: [FEAD calls for circular economy financing from the European Competitiveness Fund](#)

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](#)

Residuos profesional: [La economía circular europea necesita inversiones por 27.000 millones](#)

Recycling Magazine: [Experts and policymakers discuss 'Circular Economy Priorities' at FEAD's conference - RECYCLING magazine](#)

A webinar banner with a blue background. The top half shows a European Union flag waving in front of a modern glass skyscraper. The bottom right corner features a molecular model with white and black spheres. The text is white and blue. The Mérieux NutriSciences logo is in the top left. The FEAD logo is in the bottom right, preceded by the text "in collaboration with".

**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!](#)



**HAZARDS OUT!**  
A series of workshops on the separate collection  
of household hazardous waste

**COMING  
SOON!**

A project of **FEAD** in partnership with **ACR+** and **HAZARDOUS WASTE EUROPE** facilitated by **NOWMORE**  
inspired by moderation

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](#)

The banner features a central infinity symbol composed of two interlocking loops, one red and one green, with icons of a recycling symbol, a factory, a power plant, and an airplane. To the left, the 'EfW Net' logo is displayed in a green triangle. To the right, the conference title 'Energy from Waste' is in large black font, with the date 'London 5-6 March 2025' and venue 'ETC venue | 155 Bishopsgate' below it. A red banner across the middle reads 'OFFICIAL 2025 SUPPORTING ORGANISATION'. Below this is the 'FEAD' logo (European Waste Management Association) and a red banner at the bottom right that says 'Book now at [www.efwconference.com](http://www.efwconference.com)'. On the bottom left, contact information for the conference is provided.

IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
**EfW Net**  
The Energy from Waste Network

**Energy from Waste**  
London 5-6 March 2025  
ETC venue | 155 Bishopsgate  
*Accelerating decarbonisation and circular economy,  
across waste to energy, waste to value and waste to X*

**OFFICIAL 2025 SUPPORTING ORGANISATION**

**FEAD**  
European Waste  
Management Association

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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](#)



# 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)



**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!

# 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)



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- **Go to “Active Files”**. Here you have access to all files followed by FEAD Secretariat. For further information or enquiries, please contact the FEAD Secretariat at [info@fead.be](mailto:info@fead.be)