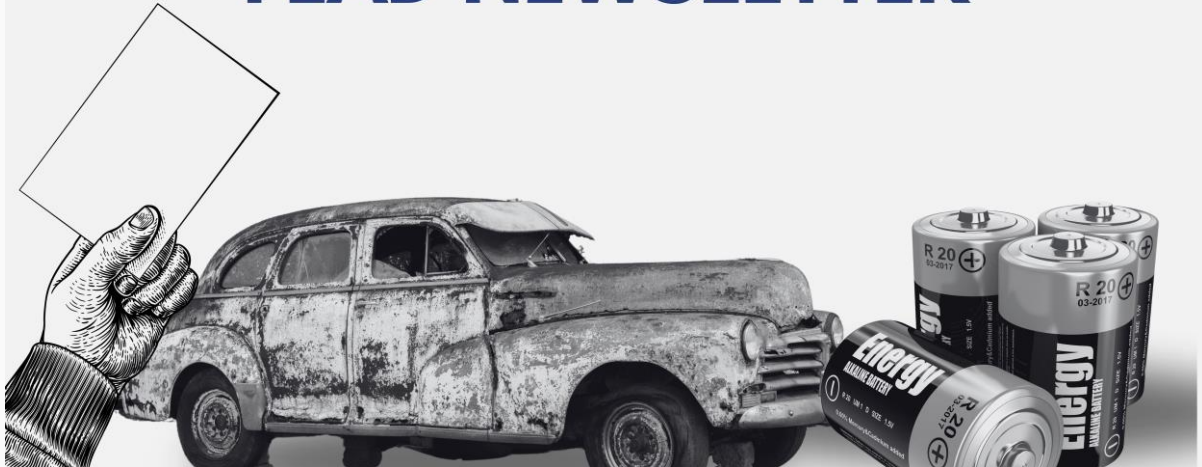


FEAD NEWSLETTER



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Time is ticking, and as the presentation of the Omnibus Regulation draws closer, the buzz is getting louder! From NGOs to investors, everyone is scrambling to make their voices heard, hoping to shape what's quickly becoming *the* most talked-about legislation in town.

Will it live up to the hype? Will last-minute surprises shake things up? One thing's for sure: everyone's watching.



Chemical recycling: On 3 February, the Commission [announced](#) that it had approved a 500 million euros state aid scheme to support chemical recycling of plastic waste in France.

Omnibus Regulation - NGOs joint statement : On 5 February, a closed consultation on the Omnibus Regulation took place. In response, more than 40 NGOs and researchers [wrote](#) to the Commission to remind the institution of its obligation to ensure 'open, transparent and regular' dialogue with the public.

Omnibus legislation - Investor joint statement : On 4 February, more than 200 investors published a [press release](#) addressed to the European Commission.

Platform on Sustainable Finance - report: On 5 February, the Commission's Platform on Sustainable Finance published a [report](#) that makes four core proposals to the European Commission for simplifying taxonomy reporting.

PFAS: A French observatory ([ATMO](#)) measured concentrations of PFAS in ambient air in two urban sites, both near plants producing PFAS.

Waste lithium batteries best practices: FEAD in cooperation with BMRA, EERA, EBRA, EUCOBAT, EuRIC, Insurance Europe, RECHARGE, WEEE Forum, have published an [industry guide](#) on the best practices for the collecting, handling and treating waste lithium batteries. This work builds on studies and research carried out in 2019 and 2020 by the industry and the Batteries Roundtable about the growing issue of fires associated with waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE/ewaste) that contain lithium batteries, to present measures to address the problem.

End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs): On 29 January, the European Parliament published its first [draft report](#) on ELVs proposal for a Regulation. FEAD, in collaboration with EuRIC, published a [joint statement](#) to call for more straightforward signals towards automotive circularity.

Delivering the EU Green Deal - JRC Study: On 30 January, the JRC, the European Commission's research centre published a report titled '[Delivering the EU Green Deal](#)'.

January infringement procedures: On 31 January, the European

Commission [announced](#) new infringement decisions against Member States.

International Plastics Treaty: The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee met on 21 January to prepare for the next steps, since no agreement was reached in South Korea in December. According to the [meeting minutes](#), discussions are still ongoing regarding the location and timing of the next meeting.

Commission report on state of water in the EU: On 4 February, the Commission published [two reports](#) on water management for Member States to improve water quality in Europe. The first evaluates the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and the Flood Risk Management Directive; the second evaluates the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Water Resilience: The European Commission launched two consultations on 4 February: the [first](#) concerns its future strategy on water resilience, the [second](#) the 'guidelines' for a 'water efficiency first' principle. These consultations are open until 4 March.

European Commission - Shein: Following the Commission's announcement of an investigation into Shein, it [announced](#) on 6 February that it had sent a request for information (RFI) to the company under the powers granted by the Digital Services Act (DSA).

FEAD News: On 4 February, FEAD, in cooperation with five other associations, organised a conference on 'Implementing Waste Legislation'. Find the press release on the event [here](#).

On 6 February, FEAD and MerieuxNutrisciences organised a webinar on PFAS. If you missed it and want to catch up, please find the recording [here](#).

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

- 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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Commission back France's plan for €500m chemical recycling of plastic waste

LEAK: Thrift shops expected to face new waste reporting obligations

European court slams Italy over mafia toxic waste dumping

Seven key environmental legal cases to track in 2025

FEAD IN THE PRESS

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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](#)

A promotional banner for a webinar. The background features a blue European Union flag waving in front of a modern glass skyscraper, with a molecular model of a chemical structure overlaid on the right. The text is arranged as follows:
- Top left: Mériieux NutriSciences logo.
- Middle left: "FREE WEBINAR" in white, followed by "PFAS and Waste: Current Challenges and Future European Initiatives" in bold white text.
- Bottom left: "6 FEBRUARY 2025 | 3:00 - 4:30 pm (CET)" in white.
- Bottom right: "in collaboration with" in small white text above the FEAD logo.

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



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A project of **FEAD** in partnership with  and  facilitated by **NOWMORE**
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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+**

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BATTERIES ROUNDTABLE



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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 green and yellow geometric design 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 graphic with icons for recycling, waste, energy, and aviation. 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 across the middle contains the text 'OFFICIAL 2025 SUPPORTING ORGANISATION'. Below this bar is the logo for FEAD (European Waste Management Association). At the bottom left, there are social media links for the conference website, Twitter, and LinkedIn. A red horizontal bar at the bottom right contains the text '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](#)

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>

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 with proof of their membership status.

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

20th 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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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 with proof of their membership status.

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



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- **Go to “Active Files”**. Here you have access to all files followed by FEAD Secretariat.

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