

# FEAD NEWSLETTER



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Love is in the air... and so are policy challenges! ❤️

While the EU sets its sights on legislative priorities for 2024, a less romantic surprise has landed on our doorstep: Donald Trump's 25% tariffs on aluminum and steel imports, affecting Europe along with the rest of the world. ...



**European Commission work programme:** On 11 February, the Commission published its [Work Programme](#) and its [annexes](#).

**State aid:** On 7 February, the European Commission [launched](#) a consultation on its draft amendments to the State aid Implementing Regulation (EC) No 794/2004 ('draft Implementing Regulation') and to the State aid Best Practices Code ('amended BPC') with respect to new rules on access to justice following the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee's findings in case ACCC/C/2015/128.

**Risk management of dangerous chemical substances by the European Commission - Commission opinion:** On 06 February, the Commission published its [opinion](#) to the European Ombudsman's conclusion on the institutions management of applications for authorisation of dangerous chemical substances.

**February Infringement Procedures:** On 12 February, the Commission [published](#) the key decisions it took against Member States for failing to comply with their obligations under EU law.

**Circularity requirements for vehicle design and management of end-of-life vehicles - Parliament Briefing:** On 12 February, the European Parliament Think Tank published a [briefing](#) on the Circularity requirements for vehicle design and management of end-of-life vehicles.

**End-of-life vehicles (ELV) - FEAD Position Paper:** On 14 February, FEAD, in cooperation with EuRIC, T&E, PRE, ECOS and EEB, published a position paper on the European Parliament's draft report on the End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) Regulation, currently under discussion, which raises serious concerns about its impact on circularity in the automotive sector. The overall ambition of the draft report has been significantly weakened compared to the Commission's proposal, with key rollbacks including a reduction in the recycled plastic content target from 25% to 20% and a decrease in the closed-loop target from 25% to 15%, threatening to slow progress toward a truly circular automotive sector. Read the position paper [here](#).

**Lithium waste batteries - Industry guide:** FEAD in cooperation with BMRA, EERA, EBRA, EUCOBAT, EuRIC, Insurance Europe, RECHARGE, WEEE Forum, have published an [industry guide](#) on 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.

**Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs):** The European Union has missed the deadline (supposed to be nine months before COP30, so 10 February) to submit EU Member States' [NDCs](#).

**Titanium dioxide:** On 6 February, the Advocate General Capeta [recommended](#) in its opinion on Joined Cases C-71/23 P and C-82/23 P that the Court of Justice of the EU set aside its November 2022 decision which rendered the classification of titanium dioxide as a carcinogen invalid.

**Plastic straws - USA:** On 7 February, Donald Trump, the President of the United States (USA), announced on X the 'return to plastic' concerning straws. Three days later, he signed

an [order](#) that the federal government stop buying paper straws and guarantee their removal from federal buildings because 'they do not work'.

**2040 Target - WWF report:** On 12 February, the NGO WWF published a report titled '[The 2040 Horizon](#)' which assesses the EU's projected outcomes for a 2040 climate target, as outlined in the European Commission's impact assessment, with scenarios that are compatible with limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

**Exchange of Views with Commissioner Hoekstra:** On 6 February 2025, the FISC Subcommittee on Tax Matters, hosted Wopke Hoekstra (the Commissioner for Taxation), for a [discussion](#) on key priorities in the taxation area.

**FEAD News:** On 11 February, FEAD, ACR+ and Hazardous Waste Europe, organised a [webinar](#) on Household Hazardous Waste.

FEAD is participating to the organisation of an event:

- 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**



## Industry guidance on waste lithium batteries

Battery fires threaten waste management workforce and clean energy transition

Demonstrator for a digital passport for plastic products

**Sustainability sidelined in Commission's 2025 work plan**

FEAD mentions in the Press:

AutoRecyclingWord: [FEAD and EuRIC challenge ELV report for mixed signals on automotive circularity](#)

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](#)



## **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 Mérioux NutriSciences

[Register now!](#)



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

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](#)

**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*

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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](#)



**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<sup>th</sup> 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.

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