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Spring is (almost) in the air... even in policy!

Yes, the news cycle still feels like a never-ending winter, but like the first birds of spring fluttering back, there are signs of change. Last week, the Council and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the Waste Framework Directive, setting new targets to reduce food waste and introducing extended producer responsibility for textiles. Meanwhile, Eurostat's latest data on municipal waste generated offers some insights into Europe's progress (and challenges) in waste management.

So while the world stage may still be chilly, at least in Brussels, policy-making is thawing and gearing up for action and better weather...



Waste Framework Directive (WFD): The Council Presidency and the European Parliament have reached a [provisional agreement](#) on the Waste Framework Directive setting targets for food waste and textile waste.

Clean Industrial Deal - The Greens/EFA's vision: On 19 February, the political groups The Greens/EFA [published](#) their vision for a Clean Industrial Deal.

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF): On 12 February, the European Commission opened a [consultation](#) on the MFF; notably on the contours of the future 'competitiveness fund' which would gather several programmes related to 'strategic sectors and technologies essential to the EU's competitiveness'.

Municipal waste by waste management operations - Eurostat data: On 13 February, [Eurostat](#) updated its database on municipal waste generated in the EU and its management by waste operators.

Monitoring report on progress towards the 8th EAP objectives - EEA Report: On 20 February, the European Environment Agency (EEA) published a [report](#) on the progress towards the 8th Environment Action Program objectives (8EAP).

PFAS - France passes law: On 20 February, the French National Assembly [adopted](#) a law which introduces a framework and taxation of PFAS.

EU Ship Recycling Regulation: On 19 February, the Commission [adopted](#) the evaluation of the ship recycling Regulation.

Ship Recycling - European list of Ship Recycling Facilities : On 18 February, the Commission [adopted](#) the new Implementing Decision on the list of ship recycling facilities in Europe.

Green Deal - Scientist letter: On 12 February, over 2000 European scientists, and 31 scientific organisations, [published](#) an open letter expressing deep concerns for the future of the Green Deal.

Carbon Removals - European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change

(ESABCC) report: On 21 February, the ESABCC published a [report](#) on scaling up carbon dioxide removals in Europe.

RecyClass: On 18 February, APR and RecyClass [announced](#) that they have jointly recognised MCC's 'SealPPeel' technology applicable on PP packaging tubs as fully compatible with both PP white and coloured recycling streams in the United States and Europe.

FEAD News: The [GRINNER Project](#) and [Batteries Roundtable](#) Members ([WEEE Forum](#), [EuRIC](#), [FEAD](#), [EUCOBAT](#), [Municipal Waste Europe](#), [WEEELABEX](#)) organised a roundtable on 'The challenges of lithium battery fires in the management of e-waste' on **18 February in Brussels**.

On 7-8 April, in collaboration with our Bulgarian member, [BRRA](#), we are organising a series of events in Sofia, Bulgaria. This includes our **first General Assembly** of the year, as well as a guided tour of Sofia, a networking session and a visit of a plastic recycling and/or sorting facility near Sofia. **These events are reserved exclusively for FEAD members.** [More information.](#)



How the retail sector is tackling waste

France adopts 'one of the most ambitious' laws on PFAS

Jørgensen defends commitment to 2040 renewables target

Europe likely to miss most green targets for 2030



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](#)



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 banner features a central graphic of an infinity symbol with icons for recycling, a factory, a power plant, and an airplane. The background is a collage of various waste management and energy-related icons. The text is arranged in a clear hierarchy, with the event title and dates at the top, followed by the venue, a tagline, and the supporting organization's name. Contact information and a call to action are provided at the bottom.

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](#)



The poster is split into two main color sections: a dark blue vertical bar on the left and a white area on the right. In the top left of the blue bar is the FEAD logo (European Waste Management Association) and below it, a calendar icon and the text '07-08 April 2025, Sofia, Bulgaria'. A large circular image in the center shows an aerial view of Sofia, Bulgaria, featuring the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. In the top right of the white area is the BRRRA logo (Bulgarian Recovery and Recycling Association). Below the logo, the word 'EVENT' is written in large, bold, orange capital letters. Underneath that, the text 'FEAD AND BRRRA NETWORKING SESSION, PLANT VISIT, FEAD GA' is written in smaller, blue, all-caps letters. At the bottom right of the white area is the website 'www.fead.be'.

FEAD and BRRRA are organising a series of events in Sofia, Bulgaria on 07-08 April!

On **7 April**, FEAD will hold its **first General Assembly** of the year, **from 15:00 to 17:00**, at the Sofia Balkan Palace. The day will conclude with a guided walking tour of Sofia and a group dinner.

On **8 April**, we will host a **networking session, preceded by opening presentations by FEAD and BRRRA, from 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM**, also at the Sofia Balkan Palace. This event will feature a networking session between stakeholders in the waste management industry, providing an excellent platform to build connections and foster partnerships with Bulgarian companies working in the waste management sector. Afterward, participants will enjoy a lunch, **followed by an guided visit to a plastic recycling and/or sorting facility near Sofia.**

These events are reserved exclusively for FEAD members and their members.

Currently a member of FEAD? [Register now!](#)

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

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 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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