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The push for legislative simplification is moving ahead at full speed, and it's becoming clear who's getting on board, and who's not! Despite concerns from NGOs, political institutions are showing no signs of slowing down.



Clean Industrial Deal - Consultation on New State aid Framework: The European Commission has launched a [public consultation](#), from 11 March to 25 April, on new State aid

guidelines supporting the objectives of the Clean Industrial Deal presented on 26 February.

Competitiveness Council: The Competitiveness Council saw the presentation of a [non-paper](#) by four Member States (Spain, Portugal, Slovakia and Slovenia) with proposals for a Strategic Framework and the establishment of a robust industrial pillar within the future European Competitiveness Fund.

Call for support to the post-consumer Textile sector: On 13 March, FEAD, in collaboration with EuRIC, published a [joint position paper](#), urging for immediate support for the European post-consumer textile sector during EPR transition. The paper includes recommendations from both associations to help the sector currently facing an urgent crisis.

Product safety and regulatory compliance in e-commerce and non-EU imports: On 5 March, the European Parliament [published](#) a draft report by Rapporteur Salvatore De Meo (Italy, EPP) on product safety and regulatory compliance in e-commerce and non-EU imports.

Commission countermeasures in response to US tariffs on EU steel and aluminium imports: On 12 March, the Commission [announced](#) that in response to the US tariffs on EU steel and aluminium imports, it has launched countermeasures on US imports into the EU.

100 days of the Commission - President remarks: On Sunday 9 March, Commission President von der Leyen made some [remarks](#) to the press on the first 100 days of the 2024-2029 Commission.

Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD): On 10 March, Medicines for Europe [published](#) a press release supporting its members that have filed a legal case with the Court of Justice of the EU against the creation of an Extended Producer Responsibility system in the UWWTD.

Also on 10 March, the association Cosmetics Europe [filed](#) an action with the EU General Court to seek clarity on the topic of the UWWTD explaining that they are asking for a 'fair application of the polluter pays principle'.

International Plastics Treaty: The [minutes](#) of the 20 February meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee were published on 6 March.

Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (2024-2025): On 13 March, the European

Commission has opened for feedback a call for evidence to [evaluate](#) the implementation of the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP).

Action Plan for affordable energy: On 7 March, the Polish Presidency circulated a Presidency [background note](#) in order to prepare the policy debate on the Action Plan for affordable energy that will take place on 17 March, during the Transport and Energy Council.

FEAD News: 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**, exclusively for FEAD members. [More information](#).



EU classifies black mass as hazardous waste, effectively barring exports to non-OECD states

Commission 'convinced' environment will be safeguarded in deregulation drive

EU recycling rate for municipal waste slips for the second year in a row in 2023

Batterie : le pionnier européen Northvolt se déclare en faillite



FEAD mentions in the Press:

ResiduosProfesionale: [Los gestores de residuos reclaman igualdad de condiciones para los materiales reciclados](#)

RecyclingMagazine: [FEAD and FIR join forces to promote circularity in mineral waste](#)

Politik: [Wilms wird neuer Präsident des europäischen Dachverbands der Entsorgungswirtschaft \(FEAD\)](#)

KunststoffInformation: [EU-Parlamentsausschuss fordert Senkung der Rezyklateinsatzquote in Neufahrzeugen / Kritik von Verbänden](#)

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](#)



NETWORKING SESSION

07-08 April
Sofia, Bulgaria
Networking session, FEAD GA, Plant visit



FEAD and BRRA 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 BRRA, **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!](#)

WORKSHOP



Plastic Matters: "Securing resources in Europe : innovations in collection, sorting and recycling" (ENG)

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Program

Maintaining resources in the circular economy is key to strengthening Europe's independence. Improved collection, advanced sorting technologies and innovative recycling processes play a key role in achieving this ambition. In this edition of Plastic Matters, we'll be showcasing the latest innovations in sorting and recycling. Be inspired by these recent advances and see how they contribute to more sustainable materials management.

A detailed program will be released soon.

Location: Brussels (more details to follow)

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RETHINKING MATERIALS

INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT SUMMIT
LONDON, MAY 13-14, 2025

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Scaling Innovative Materials for Circular Systems



The Rethinking Materials Summit returns to the Hilton London Bankside on 13-14 May!

This unique summit unites a diverse range of pioneers in next-gen materials, including manufacturers, producers, brands, investors and innovators, all driving sustainable change through creating, sourcing and commercialising new materials for consumer goods.

Our President, Claudia Mensi, will be present at the event. She will be participating to the discussion on **Regulatory and Policy Frameworks: Stimulating Action and Incentivising Innovation**.

[Register now](#), using FEAD code **(FEAD10)**!

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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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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