



#### **NEWSLETTER N° 211 - 24 MARCH 2025**

Brussels has been buzzing with meetings last week! From high-level discussions at the European Council, to preparations for the upcoming Environment Council, the EU bubble has been in full swing. And guess what? Simplification is still the star of the show!





**Environment Council:** Environment ministers will <u>gather</u> in Brussels on 27 March to discuss the environmental dimension of the clean industrial deal and to exchange views on global environmental policies. The Polish Presidency has circulated a <u>note</u> in order to prepare for the upcoming Environment Council taking place on 27 March.

**European Council:** On 20 March, the European Council took place and the **conclusions** of the meeting have been published.

Waste Framework Directive (WFD): On 18 March, the European Parliament's ENVI committee <u>approved</u> the agreement reached during the end of February trilogues. The next day, Coreper I also supported the agreement, which now has to be approved in plenary and by ministers in the coming weeks.

Omnibus Package: MEP Jörgen Warborn (Sweden, EPP) has been named the Rapporteur for the omnibus package on CS3D and CSRD, <u>announced</u> the EPP on 19 March.

**Public Procurement:** On 18 March, Rapporteur Piotr Müller (Poland, ECR) published a <u>draft report</u> on public procurement.

**European Steel and Metals Action Plan:** On 19 March, the European Commission published the **European Steel and Metals Action Plan**.

**Energy Council**: Energy ministers met in Brussels on <u>17 March</u> to discuss the action plan for affordable energy and to exchange views on the EU's energy security architecture.

**European Commission - DG Environment:** The internal reorganisation of DG Environment has been formalised by the **publication** of the organigram.

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation - EEB Guide: On 20 March, the European Environmental Bureau published a <u>guide</u> that highlights the opportunities for national and local governments to implement the provisions of the PPWR.

**FEAD News - ELV hearing:** On 19 March, FEAD Secretary General, Paolo Campanella, participated to the European Parliament's **ELV** hearing, calling for bold legislative action to support a truly circular economy. He emphasized the need to maintain the 25% recycled content target, but also to introduce intermediate targets to help the industry adapt, rather than waiting six years.



### The EU's plan to support steel

# Industry backs EU's 25% plastic recycling target for new vehicles

Italy pushes for lower ambition of EU's 2040 climate goal

# NEW PODCAST EPISODE: 99 problems (and sewage treatment is one)



FEAD mentions in the Press:

EUWID: <u>FEAD begrüßt Exportbeschränkungen für Schwarzmasse und warnt vor Umgehungsstrategien</u>

RiciclaNews: Rifiuti tessili, il sistema europeo di riutilizzo e riciclo sta crollando

Residuos Profesionale: 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)

KunstoffInformation: <u>EU-Parlamentsausschuss fordert Senkung der</u>

<u>Rezyklateinsatzquote in Neufahrzeugen / Kritik von Verbänden</u>

AutoRecyclingWord: <u>FEAD and EuRIC challenge ELV report for mixed signals on automotive circularity</u>

Retema: <u>FEAD solicita financiación para la economía circular con cargo al Fondo</u>
<u>Europeo de Competitividad</u>

Residuos Profesionale: Los gestores de residuos piden financiación para la economía circular a través del Fondo de Competitividad de la UE

Greenreport: <u>Dalla Bussola per la competitività al Fondo per l'economia circolare:</u> all'Ue mancano 27 mld di euro

StaffettaRifiuti: <u>UE, Gead chiede un fondo per l'economia circolare</u>

mrw: Recyclers call for dedicated EU circular economy fund







Our Italian member <u>Assoambiente</u> is hosting a webinar on 'PFAS and Waste: Current and Future Challenges' on 25 March from 11:00 to 12:30.

Our President, Claudia Mensi, will be joining the discussion on the future of PFAS regulation in the EU and its impact on waste management.

With new restrictions on PFAS in food packaging under the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation, this discussion comes at a crucial moment.

#### Register here!



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!



Thursday 10 April

10.30 - 15.40 - Followed by a lunch break

The conference will bring together representatives of central authorities, R.A.S.W.M. members, representatives of sanitation companies from across the country, industry experts, as well as delegates from the international organizations ISWA – International Solid Waste Association and FEAD – European Waste Management Association, where R.A.S.W.M. is a national member.

The central theme of the conference, 'The Environment and the Challenges of Waste Management and Sanitation / Sustainable Solutions for Waste Management in Romania', will address the current challenges of the sector, as well as opportunities for development and innovation in sanitation and waste management.

#### 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)

Register now!



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)!



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: <a href="https://www.sumsymposium.it/en/call-for-papers">https://www.sumsymposium.it/en/call-for-papers</a>

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 <a href="www.sumsymposium.it">www.sumsymposium.it</a> 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 cuttingedge 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!



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: <u>Call for Workshops</u>

Explore the comprehensive list of <u>conference topics</u> >>

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 <a href="www.sardiniasymposium.it">www.sardiniasymposium.it</a> or contact the Organising Secretariat at info@sardiniasymposium.it



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