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Hello from Brussels. As always, we bring you all the latest news on circular economy from Europe and beyond. This week we have exciting news! [FEAD, through the European Alliance for Sustainable Finance \(EASF\) has been selected to participate in the EU's Platform on Sustainable Finance](#), to advise on green taxonomy!

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Green Taxonomy - FEAD selected to participate in Sustainable Finance

Platform: The European Commission on 8 February [unveiled](#) its [list](#) of experts advising the executive on green taxonomy changes.

[BIG NEWS:](#) A major development for FEAD, the European Waste Management Association which has been selected to participate in the platform, through the European Alliance for Sustainable Finance (EASF)! The alliance, co-founded by FEAD, EuRIC and PRE, will serve with a mandate of 2 years. FEAD has issued a Press Release, which you can access [here](#).

Critical Raw Materials (CRM): The selection of "strategic" raw materials will be based on their future importance for the EU, according to an EC policy officer.

Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR): In an interview given to Contexte, MEP and WSR rapporteur, Pernille Weiss (EPP, Denmark) said that the parliament's decision to ban plastic waste exports "is not protectionist".

EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS): EU ambassadors approved on 8 February the revised EU ETS, with the parliament's ENVI committee adopting, on 9 February the trilogue agreement with 57 votes in favour, 13 against and 6 abstentions.

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR): European Commission's PPWR text yet to be officially announced due to a delay in translating it into the 24 languages of the Union.

Renewable Energy Directive (RED) amendment: EP Rapporteur Markus Pieper (EPP, Germany) cancelled RED trilogue over the Commission's delay in publishing the delegated act establishing the criteria for renewable hydrogen. Last-minute trilogue has been scheduled for 14 February.

Chemicals: The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 7 February [published](#) the details of a proposed restriction of around 10,000 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Electricity Market Reform: EU Commission publishes new version of biannual calendar, with the proposal for a revision of the electricity market set to be presented on 14 March.

Protecting the environment through criminal law: The EU Parliament's civil liberties committee greenlighted a set of compromise amendments including the definition of ecocide as “unlawful or wanton acts committed with knowledge that there is a substantial likelihood of severe and either widespread or long-term damage to the environment”.

Construction Products Regulation (CPR): EP's ENVI committee adopted on 9 February its opinion on the CPR proposal, placed cement under the ecodesign law.

Carbon Absorption Certification: Swedish Presidency wants to reach a general approach under the Spanish Presidency in the second half of 2023, according to Contexte report.

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM): On 9 February, EP's environment committee adopted the CBAM trilogue agreement with 63 votes in favour, 7 against and 7 abstentions.

Energy Tax Directive: The compromise proposed for the revision of the Energy Tax Directive (ETD) by the Swedish Council Presidency has been published by Contexte.

Energy Charter Treaty (ECT): European Commission tells member countries that a joint EU exit appears "unavoidable".

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE): The EU Commission sent an updated version of its 2012 WEEE directive on 7 February, proposing changes that only require producers of solar panels placed on the market from 13 August 2012 to finance waste management costs.

Urban Wastewater Directive: The European Parliament's stance on the Wastewater Directive is set to be determined in November 2023.

Environmental Transparency: On February 1, the EU General Court ruled in favour of EU Commission in a case rvironmental transparency with ClientEarth.

International Plastics Treaty: The next round of international negotiations will take place from 29 May to 2 June in Paris, following the first session held in November 2022 in Uruguay.

News from EUCO: EU27 leaders reached an agreement on how to address the competitiveness challenge posed by the US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

News from the Commission: The European Commission plans to launch a public consultation on the EU's 2040 emissions reduction target in the coming weeks.

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FEAD and EuRIC object to EU Taxonomy's exclusion of sorting operations in the Climate Delegated Act FAQ Nr. 68

FEAD, the European Waste Management Association (FEAD) and the European Recycling Industries' Confederation (EuRIC) sent a letter to European Commission officials, voicing their concerns and objections to FAQ Nr. 68 included in the Draft Commission Notice from 19 December 2022 on the interpretation and implementation of certain legal provisions of the EU Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act establishing technical screening criteria for economic activities that contribute substantially to climate change mitigation or climate change adaptation and do no significant harm to other environmental objective. You can find the letter [here](#).



1 March 2023: **Parliamentary Dinner in Brussels on EU Waste Legislation**, at the Residence Palace, co-organised with CEWEP, EURIC, MWE [not open to the public]



Timmermans: Africa likely to be EU's most important renewable energy

partner: Africa is likely to be Europe's most important partner as it looks to increase its renewable energy supply and switch to green hydrogen, EU climate chief Frans Timmermans told EURACTIV in an exclusive interview. "The continent of Africa is probably going to be the most important partner for Europe in terms of developing the renewable energy sector," said Timmermans during an interview at the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) assembly in Abu Dhabi. *Read more from [EURACTIV](#).*

FEAD in the Press:

[Recycling Today](#): European recycling groups part of financing discussion

Global Recycling: EuRIC, FEAD and PRE Selected to Join the New EU Platform on Sustainable Finance

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Press conference by President [@vonderleyen](#) on the Green Deal Industrial Plan.



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We urgently need the building sector on board of the Green Deal transition.

That's why I'm happy that we voted a key legislative proposal on construction products in the environment committee of the EU Parliament today.

Here's a quick round-up of what we achieved.

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The building sector creates 1/3 of all waste and 10% of climate emissions. It uses half of all raw materials, while only 1% of construction products are reused.

Hence the regulation will set product requirements to improve circularity and reduce environmental impact of products

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