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Hello from Brussels. In a bizarre turn of events, the City has been all sun and no clouds, installing a sunny atmosphere for the several working parties on the Environment that took place this week.

The European parliament has confirmed the plenary vote schedule for the Renewable

Energy Directive to the 12 September and delayed the Committee vote for the Packaging and Packaging Waste regulation to October.

At FEAD, we've been busy welcoming Paolo Campanella in his new role as Secretary General for the association as of 1 September. Congratulations!

SAVE THE DATE!

FEAD is organising a **conference on PFAS in the waste sector at ECOMONDO on 8 November**. Join us for this exciting event!

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Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR): On 7 September, the negotiating team in the ENVI Committee started working on the proposition for a Compromise agreement by the Rapporteur, Frederique Ries (Renew, Belgium). [This proposition](#), published by Contexte, proposes to reduce to 85% (instead of the 90% proposed by the Commission) the separate collection rate that Member States must demonstrate in order to be exempted from the obligation to introduce DRS by 2029. The Parliament vote has been pushed back by a month according to Contexte. Initially scheduled for the 20 September, it will now take place 23 and 24 October. The plenary vote is now planned for the week of the 20 November.

End-of-life Vehicles Regulation (ELV): Following the presentation of the Commission's proposal on circularity requirements for vehicle design and on management of end-of-life

vehicles, the proposal was sent to both the European Parliament and the Council for examination. The ENVI Committee has now been confirmed by the European Parliament as the lead Committee responsible for the file. Moreover, the Committee has appointed MEP Jens Gieseke (EPP, Germany) as the Rapporteur responsible to prepare the draft Report, which will contain amendments to the Commission's proposal. The ENVI Shadow Rapporteurs are expected to be appointed in the coming weeks.

Critical Raw Materials report approved (CRM): On 7 September, MEPs of the ITRE Committee adopted [the report](#) on CRM with a majority: 53 in favour to 1 and 5 abstentions. The plenary vote has been planned for 14 September and the deadline for the tabling of amendments is scheduled for 11 September.

Ecodesign for Sustainability of Products Regulation (ESPR): Negotiations have begun since 31 August and will continue until the next political Trilogue, scheduled for 10 October. A third Trilogue is planned for 4 December to reach an agreement on the file.

Construction Products Regulation revision (CPR): The next Trilogue concerning CPR has been scheduled for 24 October. As of 6 September, technical discussions have begun once more.

Waste Shipment Regulation revision (WSR): A second Trilogue on the rules of Waste Exportation has been fixed to 21 September. The negotiations on the Revision of the rules concerning the exportation of waste began in June.

Hydrogen: The Commission fixed the price of the maximal amount for the compensation of production of renewable hydrogen to 4.5 euros per kilo. This amount has been fixed in the rules of the sale of hydrogen and published on 30 August in the bank of hydrogen. According to the Commission, the sale will start the 23 November.

Green Deal: On 5 September, The European Commission published Maros Šefčovič and Wopke Hoekstra's mission letters. Both men are set to replace Frans Timmermans. Šefčovič is now tasked with the Green Deal whereas Hoekstra has been nominated for the role of EU commissioner for Climate Action. Hoekstra's nomination has to be approved by the European Parliament and is still seen by many as controversial.

Classification, labelling and packaging of chemical substances and mixtures

Regulation (CLP): On 11 September, the ENVI Committee will vote on the CLP Regulation. [The amendments](#), published by Contexte, maintains the proposition by the

Commission to classify and label substances with multiples components (Mocs). The plenary vote will take place in October.

Renewable Energy Directive Amendment: The European Parliament is scheduled to discuss the provisional agreement reached in Trilogues in June and vote on it on 12 September. If the agreement is adopted, it will be the European Parliament's first reading position on the file.

Net-Zero Industry act: Contexte published a [Compromise agreement](#) that conserves the general objective of the Commission text which is to achieve an industrial capacity covering at least 40% of the EU's annual needs for the deployment of net-zero technologies by 2030. However, it adds that this capacity must cover "at least 25% of global demand" for these technologies (heat pumps, electrolysers, wind turbines, etc.) and extends the target to components, materials and machines essential to their production. The negotiators at Parliament also defined the selection criteria for 'strategic projects'.

The vote on this file in the ITRE Committee may be moved from 12 October to 25 October because of the slow progress made during discussions between the different political groups. The plenary vote is scheduled for November.

The Spanish Presidency also published a new [Compromise position](#), obtained by Contexte on this matter. Though it contains almost no changes to the old version, it does introduce the possibility to extend the list of non strategic technologies following an evaluation that will come 6 years after the text comes into effect. The 8 strategic technologies initially chosen by the Commission are kept.

European Sustainability Reporting Standards Regulation adopted (ESRS): EFRAG and GRI publish today a [joint statement](#) on the level of interoperability achieved between the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) and the GRI Standards. The efforts made by the GRI and EFARG Sustainability Reporting teams will prevent the need for double reporting by companies'.

Soil Monitoring Directive: The European Commission will present its legislative proposal to ENVI on 11 September. Martin Hojsik (Renew, Slovakia) will head the work on the file in the European Parliament. Ljudmila Novak (Slovenia) will be the shadow Rapporteur for PPE, Beatrice Covassi (Italy) for the social-democrats and Anna Zalewska (Poland) for the CRE and Petros Kokkalis (Greece) for the left.

Energy Taxation Directive (ETD): The Commission does not intend to completely review the impact assessment of ETD. Before the summer break, the negotiating team requested

a new impact study in order to take into account the effects of the revision of the carbon market (ETS) and the war in Ukraine as well as Covid and suspended its work whilst waiting for said study. The Commission, however, seems reluctant to comply.

Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework (TCTF): In a [letter](#) sent by the Director-General of the European Commission Competition DG, it was stated that state aid in the face of soaring energy prices due to the war in Ukraine should not be prolonged after the end 2023. In its latest revision of the TCTF, the Commission plans to accept up to 4 million euros in aid per company affected by rising gas and electricity prices.

Ecodesign for telephones Directive: On 31 August, the [Delegated Regulation](#) was published in the Official Journal. The text will come into effect on 20 June 2025, allowing a transitional period. This text fixes a series of requirements that manufacturers of phones and tablets have to conform to to reinforce the sustainability, recyclability and reliability of their products.

Plastic Pollution treaty: On 4 September, the president of the intergovernmental committee of negotiation, Gustavo Meza-Cuadra (Peru), published the ['Zero-draft'](#) he redacted. States are invited to comment this draft before the negotiations planned from the 13 to 19 November, in Kenya.

Gas Regulation: The Commission has proposed to include the goal of an annual production of 35 billion cubic meters of biomethane in the gas regulation. [Proposals](#) have been sent to negotiators of the Parliament and the Council which Contexte has obtained.

Chemical Recycling: The European Investment Fund (EIF) has signed a 50 Million in Dutch venture called Infinity Recycling Circular Plastics Fund. This fund aims to support and encourage chemical recycling.

Air Pollution: According to a [study](#) made by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago and published 29 August through AFP, pollution is more damaging to health than tobacco or alcohol. The study considers it 'the greatest threat to global health'.

Council of the EU: A new director of the Council Legal service charged of the Environment has been named: Frederik Naert. He replaces Emer Finnegan who became Director-General of the service in Spring 2023.

European Union: Austria has 2 new ambassadors at the European Union. The diplomat

Gregor Schusterschitz will be replaced as permanent representative by Franz Wirtenberger. He will be tasked with COREPER I files. For COREPER II files, Thomas Oberreiter will replace Nikolaus Marschik.

Jean-Noel Ladois and Xavier Thiery have left their posts as spokespersons to the permanent representatives of France in the European Union. Vincent Lieser has replaced Xavier Thiery but Jean-Noel Ladois' replacement has not been named yet.

News from our FEAD: On 1 September, Paolo Campanella was appointed as FEAD's new Secretary General following a selection procedure by bureau Mavence. As we embark on a new chapter, we are confident in Paolo's ability and expertise to steer FEAD toward a future marked by collaboration and impactful change. Congratulations on the nomination! Our member from Greece has a new General Secretary: Ilias Avramikos. He replaces his colleague Mrs Linaraki.



FEAD is hosting a conference at ECOMONDO, in Rimini, Italy, on November 8, focused on:

PFAS in the waste sector

The European Chemical Agency (ECHA) presented a report on the presence of PFAS in waste streams in April. This report states that the chemical should be massively restricted, even though it is already largely regulated. This restriction could have a major impact on the waste sector. In order to give Member States a clearer view of the situation, FEAD is performing, in collaboration with the University of Padova, a systematic critical review of the scientific literature to collect PFAS concentration ranges in waste items categorized within the relevant four waste categories: plastic waste; paper and cardboard waste; textile and leather waste; and metal waste. The conference on Wednesday the 8, will provide the results of the first part of this study.

The event will start with two 20-minute **presentations: one of the report by ECHA and the**

This year, the ERC is placing a strong emphasis on networking opportunities. After the half-day conference, you'll have the chance to engage with fellow attendees during a networking walking dinner at De Warande, one of the most prestigious and exclusive venues in the heart of Brussels. Don't miss out on this fantastic event!

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21 settembre 2023
14.00 - 16.30

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September 21, 2023

A pilot monitoring trial began in 2023 at the contaminated site of the Former Landfill in Chioggia, already the subject of a Remediation project managed by the Commissario Straordinario Bonificazioni Discariche Abusive (Extraordinary Commissioner for the Remediation of Abusive Landfills). The chemical risk assessment showed that threshold values were exceeded for several pollutants, including asbestos.

Therefore, a pilot test for asbestos remediation was conducted on the site and, at the same time, an Environmental Monitoring Plan was drawn up to confirm or adjust the chemical risk assessment for the workers involved.

The objective of the Workshop is to present the results of this activity, conducted also thanks to the use of innovative methods and technologies, both in terms of the extent of the work and the procedures employed.

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ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION: PRORITIES FOR THE PLANET

Where are we in Europe with the circularity objectives set for 2030? What are the future scenarios and opportunities for development of the sectors involved? What state are our marine and terrestrial ecosystems in? Also, what is the European landscape in terms of regulations, investments and available funds? These are just some of the questions which will be addressed during the international schedule of Ecomondo.

Ecomondo is the key international event in Europe and the Mediterranean basin for green and circular economy, it is held from 7th to 10th November 2023 in Rimini and every year it hosts a high-quality programme of conferences, seminars and events.

Thanks to an increasing presence of trade visitors and general visitors from all over the world, to the involvement of entities such as the **European Commission, FAO, OECD, ISWA International** and to the hard work and coordination of the **Technical Scientific Committee**, there is a growing number of **international events** on schedule at Ecomondo.

From 7th to 10th November 2023, there will be a series of meetings throughout the various agorà and congress rooms, involving authoritative speakers, associations, decision makers, the world of research and institutions which are set to turn the event into **an opportunity to stay up-to-date on regulatory aspects, technological developments, finance, training and good practices** applied to the world of the circular economy, bio and blue economy, soil regeneration and much more.

Don't miss this opportunity and join Ecomondo in **Rimini**, from **7th to 10th November 2023!** We are waiting for you!

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Carbon capture and hydrogen take lion's share of fresh EU investment

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ECT: UK threatens withdrawal unless EU approves reform

The UK government has called on Energy Charter Treaty signatories to endorse reform by November, in a veiled criticism of the EU's reluctance to do so before withdrawing.

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Wastematters : [FEAD sets the bar high: 75% recycling by 2035 - Wastematters](#)

Recycling Magazine: [A new alliance between the waste management industry and manufacturing industries - RECYCLING magazine](#)

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