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Hello from Brussels. Two weeks into the Spanish presidency of the EU Council and the objectives have been set. With promises to focus on the green transition and social justice, Madrid hosted an informal EU ministerial meeting that began Thursday 13 July.

Back in Brussels, the Council adopted a new Regulation regulating the entire life cycle of batteries and waste batteries whilst the Commission proposed a Regulation on ELVs. Read more below.

Before you continue, the pictures from our last event '**How to make the circular economy work? A new alliance between the waste management sector and the manufacturing industry**' are on our [website](#).



End-of-life Vehicles (ELVs): The Commission is proposing a [Regulation](#) to enhance the circularity of the automotive sector, covering design, production, and end-of-life treatment of vehicles. The regulation aims to encourage the recovery of better quality raw materials, including

critical raw materials, plastics, steel, and aluminum.

Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive: The calendar concerning legislation on Urban Wastewater has been accelerated. A vote for the ENVI Committee was initially planned for end of October and has now been moved to 20 and 21 September.

Batteries Regulation adopted: The Council has adopted a new [Regulation](#) that regulates the entire life cycle of batteries and waste batteries. This will regulate batteries from production to reuse and recycling and aims to ensure that they are safe, sustainable and competitive.

Industrial Emission Directive (IED): The European Parliament's negotiating position was adopted during a plenary session on 11 July 2023 with 396 in favour, 102 against and 131 abstentions.

Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation adopted (ESPR): On 12 July, the draft report prepared by the ENVI committee was adopted in plenary with a large majority.

Net-zero industry regulation: Rejecting the rapporteur's proposal, Parliament negotiators have abandoned the idea of defining the text through the EU taxonomy. **FEAD**, EURIC and Plastics Recyclers Europe presented their concerns to rapporteurs and shadows in the ENVI and ITRE Committees in the Parliament.

Construction Products Regulation adopted (CPR): On 11 July, MEPs convened in plenary at Strasbourg and largely supported the [report](#) prepared by the Internal Market Committee.

Soil Monitoring Law: [The legislation](#) has been presented to the ENVI Committee on the 6 July.

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS): The Spanish Presidency has brought into question the efficiency of Carbon Capture and Storage technology. While Spain seems reticent of the deployment of this technology, Denmark, who received substantial government subsidy and saw the first ever investment on a commercial CCS project in the EU, has made it a part of its national policy.

Energy Charter Treaty (ECT): The Commission proposed a coordinated exit of the EU and its Member States from the Energy Charter Treaty. According to the institution, this is now the only viable choice.

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR): On 10 July, 11 NGOs and Reuse actors

(Réseau Vrac, Zero Waste, Surfrider) have addressed a letter to several French representatives in the European Parliament. The authors of the letter raised concerns over Frédérique Ries' (Renew, Belgium) proposal to take away the reuse obligation destined for the packaging of food and beverages.

Circular Economy news: Alarm bells are still ringing concerning the EU's Circular Economy Action plan confided Helen Spence-Jackson, an expert at the Environmental Defense Fund, to [EURACTIV](#).

News from the Spanish Presidency: The Spanish Presidency hosted an informal EU ministerial meeting that began on Thursday 13 July and ran until 14 Friday July in Madrid.

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FEAD hosted an insightful in-person event on 6 July, under the title, **"How to make the circular economy work? A new alliance between waste management and the manufacturing industries"**. FEAD brought together experts, policymakers, and industry leaders, to explore ways in which EU institutions can enhance Member States' performance in achieving circular economy targets.

FEAD concluded the successful event by unveiling its vision for the future of the waste management industry, pledging reflection, cooperation, and commitment to making the circular economy work.

Claudia Mensi, *FEAD President* said:

"We need to re-define the way we see waste. Waste is a real, valuable resource. To address the shortcomings in the Member States' performance, FEAD pledges a 75% recycling target of all waste in the EU by 2035. To achieve this, concerted and ambitious action is required to boost the uptake of secondary raw materials into the economy."

Find the pictures from our last event on our [website](#).

READ OUR PRESS RELEASE



A banner for the Ecomondo 2023 event. On the left is a green abstract graphic with the text 'ECOMONDO The green technology expo.' in the center. To the right of the graphic, the text reads 'NOVEMBER 7 - 10, 2023' and 'RIMINI EXPO CENTRE, ITALY'. Further right, it says 'E23' and 'Organized by ITALIAN EXHIBITION GROUP' and 'In collaboration with ITA® madeinitaly.gov.it'. At the bottom right, there is a 'JOIN US >>' button.

ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION: PRIORITIES 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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WASTE PLASTICS

RecyClass updates design for recycling guidelines

Following the testing campaigns commissioned by RecyClass, a new set of Design for Recycling Guidelines have been released for all plastic packaging streams.

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11 July 2023

EU green policies must not alienate trade partners, EEB warns

New European Environmental Bureau's (EEB) research shows which indicators should be taken into account to minimise undesired impacts on EU trade relations, using the example of [...]



Madrid unveils environmental agenda for Council presidency

The Spanish presidency of the EU Council has set out provisional dates

FEAD mentions in the Press:

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

Retema: [La Asociación Europea de Gestión de Residuos se compromete a mejorar los objetivos de reciclaje | RETEMA](#)

Residuos Profesional: [Los gestores de residuos garantizan su compromiso para cumplir los objetivos de reciclaje de la UE \(residuosprofesional.com\)](#)

Recycling Magazine: [FEAD pledges commitment of the waste management industry - RECYCLING magazine \(recycling-magazine.com\)](#)