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Hello from Brussels. A few days from the parliament's recess and committees have been busy giving their opinions on the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation. The European political world however, has been rocked by the nomination of US economist Fiona Scott Morton as chief economist for the Directorate General.

At FEAD, we've been busy preparing the launch of the first volume of our online magazine. This magazine is a testament of our new vision and goals. Indeed, it was made with the contributions of our members. Keep your eyes open for its release on our <u>website</u> on Monday 24 July.







Net zero industry act (NZIA): A preliminary agreement on the scope of the NZIA was reached in the European Parliament. The agreement covers components and machines used to manufacture net zero technologies and introduces a mechanism for adding or removing technologies from the list, according to the Rapporteur Christian Ehler (EPP, Germany).

Packaging and Packaging waste vote: It's been a busy week for the Packaging Regulation.

- On 18 July 2023, the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) voted on Rapporteur Virginie Joron's (ID, France) <u>draft</u> Opinion and amendments. The compromise amendments 1A, 2A and 3A were adopted with 32 in favour, 3 against and 5 abstentions. These amendments call on the Commission to establish the methodology for identifying the material composition of packaging by 12 months after the entry into force of the Regulation, instead of 24 months.
- On 19 July 2023, ITRE MEPs voted on Rapporteur Patrizia Toia's (S&D, Italy) draft Opinion
 as well as on the compromise amendment tabled to it. The vote showed a clear opposition
 to many important proposals of the Commission. The EEB issued a <u>press release</u> claiming
 that the Industry Committee attempts to undermine new EU packaging law.
- The <u>compromise</u> in AGRI Committee, as in the Industry Committee (ITRE), removes most
 of the re-use targets proposed by the Commission. Where they are retained, exemptions
 have been added for economic operators.
- France wants to introduce the environment legal basis in the Regulation, arguing that it 'pursues an environmental objective distinct' from that of the internal market. Contexte has published the <u>note</u> from the French Government.

The ENVI Committee will now review the proposal with a vote planned for 20 September 2023. **Critical Raw Materials (CRM) draft Regulation adopted:** The ENVI Committee has adopted its position on the draft Regulation concerning CRM with 52 in favour, 3 against and 13 abstentions. The recycling capacity target has been raised from 15% to 25%.

Waste Framework Directive and Soil Monitoring Directive Rapporteurs nominated: At the European Parliament, the liberals (Renew) received the Soil Monitoring Directive and the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR), the Waste Framework Directive.

Ecodesign for sustainable products (ESPR): The European Environment Office and European Bureau of Consumer Unions are both pleased with the Parliament's <u>position</u> on Ecodesign of products adopted on 12 July in the plenary. However, they both judged these measures too weak as the Parliament has deleted several propositions by the Commission on cooperation with authorities to monitor the market.

Renewable Energy Directive vote scheduled: The discussion and vote on the Renewable Energy Directive's provisional agreement has been scheduled for the 11-14 September in Plenary at the Parliament.

Poland challenges climate package: On 17 July, Polish Climate and Environment Minister Anna Moskwa announced that she has filed 4 complaints with the EU Court of Justice.

Environmental Crime Directive: Technical negotiations took place on 10 and 11 July between European Parliament, Council and Commission without much progress reported. Several technical meetings are scheduled for the autumn, with the aim of reaching a conclusion at a final political trilogue on 2 October.

Industrial Emissions Directive (IED): The trialogue on the Industrial Emissions Directive between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission has started.

WEEE Directive targeted revision: During the ENVI Committee meeting on 18 July 2023, MEPs discussed and welcomed the Rapporteur's draft **Report** Rapporteur Zalewska (ECR, Poland) reiterated the need to act within the scope proposed by the ruling of the judgement of the Court of Justice.

Chemical legislation: Contexte has learned that two Regulations, not in the indicative list on the agenda of the College of Commissioners, will be adopted in the following weeks.

News from the European Commission: The American Fiona Scott Morton has pulled out of her nomination as chief economist of the Directorate General.

News from the European Parliament: Summer recess will soon begin for the European Parliament. From the 25 July to the 21 August, Parliament will not hold any sessions or votes.

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As we get ready to launch our online magazine, we want to take the time to thank our members for their contributions. As we explained during our last event: 'How to make the circular economy work? A new alliance between waste management and the manufacturing industries', we are committed to making the Circular Economy work but this will not be possible without cooperation from the different actors of the industry. This magazine is a testament that together, we can take the waste management industry to new heights.

FEAD's magazine: **Unlocking the Circular Economy's potential** launches on Monday 24 July, on our <u>website</u>.



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Circular Economy (CE) is an innovative way of thinking, looking at production and consumption in

a more sustainable, connected way. Instead of the traditional linear approach, this model seeks to minimize waste and keep re-sources in circulation. The CE model benefits people and the planet by creating an interdependent and responsible ecosystem for everyone. In the frame of the Summer School the manifold aspects – policy, legislation, technology, logistics and economics – of Circular Economy are introduced and discussed with international experts in the field. In addition to the theoretical background, the summer school offers industry site visits to waste sorting and recycling facilities as well as a car manufacturer.

Key Facts

Certificate: 15 ECTS credits

Location: TU Wien

Language of Instruction: English

Tuition Fee: Students: € 3.500 | Professionals: € 5.200 | FEAD members have been offered a 15% discount rate on the participation fee.

The summer school takes place in small groups (15–25 participants) in order to enable an intensive elaboration of the topic and to cater to individual needs and create an atmosphere of personal exchange.

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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 upto-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**, form **7th to 10th November 2023**! We are waiting for you!

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In a <u>press release</u>, Dutch waste associations NVRD and DWMA asked government support to combat laughing gas canisters.

'The Dutch Association for Refuse and Cleansing Management (NVRD) and the Dutch Waste Management Association (DWMA) demand an urgent meeting with ministers Yeşilgöz, Kuipers and Heijnen to discuss the littering of nitrous oxide canisters (NOS canisters) in public places and in the waste chain. Refuse collectors and workers at waste-to-energy plants are currently exposed to major safety risks from exploding NOS canisters. Tens of millions of euros worth of damage have already been reported this year and waste facilities often have to be shut down. The NVRD and DWMA urge the government to take action.'

European outcry forces US economist to drop top job

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Restoration Law?

ENDS Europe takes a look at the contradictions and controversies surrounding the European Parliament's emerging position on the Nature Restoration Law, as emotions run high ahead of a crucial environment committee vote next week.



FEAD mentions in the Press:

FEAD Magazine - vol I: 'Unlocking the Circular Economy's potential'

Wstematters: **FEAD Sets the bar high**

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

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<u>objetivos de reciclaje de la UE (residuosprofesional.com)</u>