

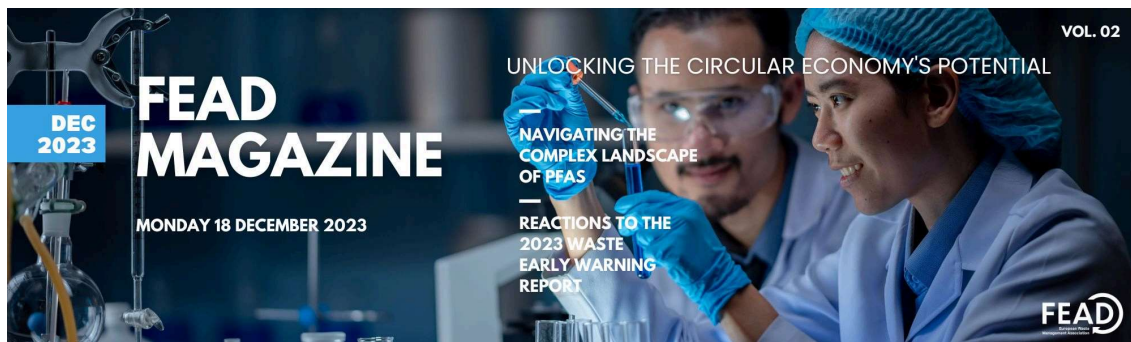


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Hello from Brussels. While the city's transportation system has been struggling to keep up with the sudden snow, the election train has been chugging along. Both the Greens and the EPP seem to be finalising their election strategies drafting and sending notes to various governing bodies.

At FEAD, we've been busy welcoming our new member from Portugal, CÍRCULO. Read our [press release](#).

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Waste Framework Directive (WFD): The WFD continues to incite reactions from different sectors. After the release of a [joint position paper](#) by the waste management sector, initiated by FEAD, at the end of 2023, it is the turn of NGOs, including Zero Waste Europe, and industrial lobbies, such as sorting-machinery manufactures and the packaging and beverage industry. In a [letter](#) published on 12 January, they pleaded for a mandatory sorting of mixed waste before incineration and landfilling.

Lead ban: In a 17 January [letter](#) in response to MEP Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP, Czechia)'s [question](#), Commissioner Thierry Breton said that there will not be a ban on lead. In April 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) recommended to the European Commission to add lead to the list of substances for which companies must apply for an authorisation to use.

2040 climate goal: The European Commission is set to recommend a 90% net reduction of greenhouse gases by 2040, [Bloomberg](#) reports.

The Polish Secretary of State for Climate, Urszula Zielińska, [expressed](#) her support for a 90% EU emission reduction target by 2040 at her arrival at the informal meeting of European Environment Ministers on 15 January.

In an 18 January [analysis](#) by experts of the Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change, it is stated that more efforts are necessary in order for the EU to reach its climate goals of 2030 and 2050.

Greens letter to the European Commission: In a [letter](#), dated the 15 January, to the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, the Vice-President in charge of the Green Deal, Maroš Šefčovič, and the Commissioner for Climate Action, Wopke Hoekstra, the political group, the Greens stated that they believe that capture and storage technologies can only have a limited role and should be reserved for the 'unavoidable emissions of industrial processes'.

Batteries production: The European Investment Bank will [lend](#) 1 billion euros to Sweden to create the largest battery production capacity outside Asia making it the largest green loan in Europe.

Electricity market design reform: On 15 January, the European Parliament's ITRE

Committee adopted the provisional agreements reached on the electricity market reform between the Council and the European Parliament in [mid-November](#) and [mid-December](#).

Geothermal energy strategy: During the 18 January plenary session, MEPs called on the European Commission to work on a 'geothermal strategy' by adopting the [report](#) (motion for a Parliament resolution in an own initiative procedure) of Rapporteur Zdzisław Krasnodębski (ECR, Poland).

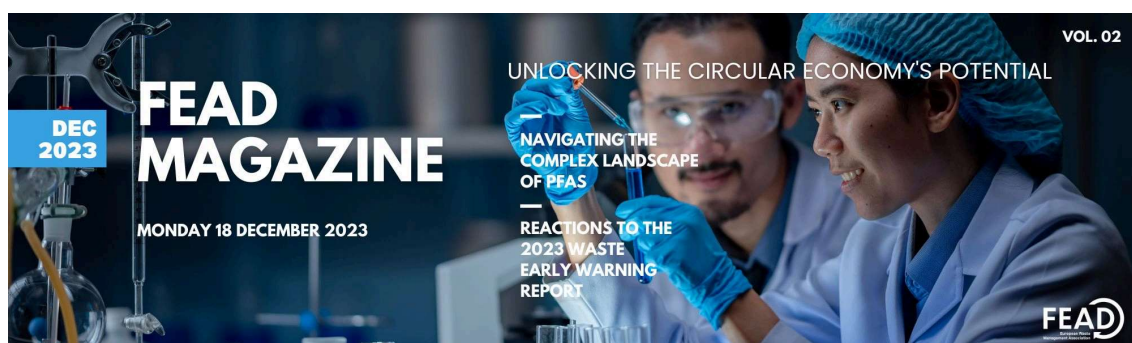
Fluorinated gases Regulation: On 16 January, the European Parliament, in Plenary, [approved](#) the Trilogue agreement on the fluorinated gas Regulation.

Empowering consumers for the green transition: The European Parliament [adopted](#) in Plenary on 17 January the final version of the directive.

Single market strategy: In an [informal note](#) published on 15 January, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia and Sweden argued for a new horizontal strategy for the single market.

Circular Economy: The Commissioner of the Environment, Virginijus Sinkevičius, [stated](#) on 16 January, following the informal meeting of ministers on the circular economy, that he was 'satisfied' with the circular economy mandate.

FEAD news: FEAD is delighted to announce that '[CÍRCULO](#) – Associação pela Circularidade de Resíduos Especiais' from Portugal has joined FEAD as a full member. Read our [press release](#) on the topic.





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A series of workshops on Nutrient recycling policy by the European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform

ESPP workshops on Nutrient recycling policy

The European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform ([ESPP](#)) will hold a series of **workshops on Nutrient recycling policy in Brussels and online on 12-14 March 2024**.

Their objectives are:

- to elaborate ambitious, feasible and consensus proposals for regulatory targets for phosphorus and nitrogen reuse-recycling from municipal wastewater and
- to identify policy tools to support market pull for recycled nutrients which could achieve consensus across industry and users.

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Waste Management Europe is a reference event in the trade fair panorama linked to the theme of Circular Economy which brings together political decision-makers, global organizations and innovative solutions to address the challenges of waste management and guide the implementation of the various activities in this area. WME 2024 will connect thousands of professionals united by the common effort to achieve very important goals and ensure a planet fit for future generations. The event, focused for this third edition on the theme "Transforming waste into a resource - Innovate, Collaborate, Support", will once again be set up at the Bergamo Fair, in an area rich in history, traditions and with an entrepreneurial network among the most prosperous in the country, and in an exhibition and conference space of over 4000 m² where the entire waste management and material recycling industry chain will be well represented.

FEAD will be present at the expo with our President, Claudia Mensi giving a speech on one

of the days. We will also be hosting a panel discussion with FEAD members. We can't wait to see you there!

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'Lessons not learned': Galicia suffers plastic pellets disaster



10 Jan 2024

The protocols put in place following the devastating Prestige oil spill in 2002 have not averted a catastrophic spill of plastic pellets affecting beaches in Galicia, northern Spain, according to environmental NGO Ecologistas en Acción.

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'More important than ever': Calls mount for 'restrictive' EU ban on PFAS as researchers find impact on fetuses

Environmental campaigners have called for the smallest possible number of derogations under the EU's planned PFAS group restriction, after a fresh study detected altered metabolism and liver function in unborn children.

Ten dilemmas for the EU in 2024

FEAD mentions in the Press:

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