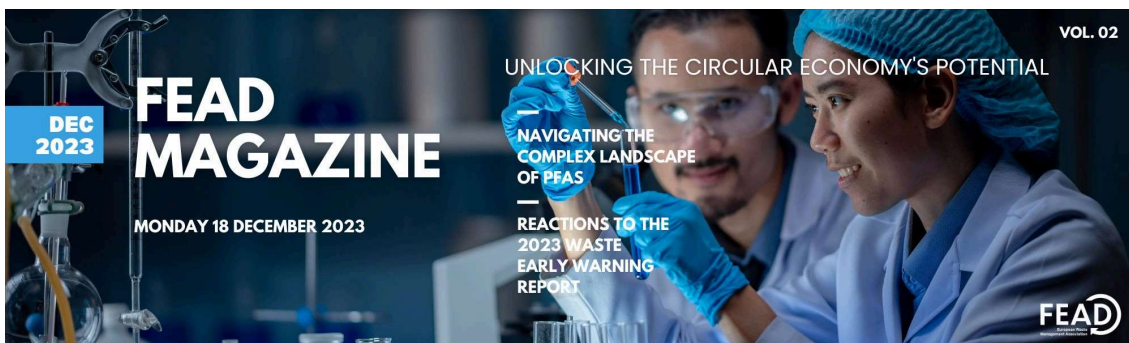




## NEWSLETTER N° 156 - 29 JANUARY 2024

**Hello from Brussels.** Von der Leyen is hoping her commissioners will not only do as she says but as she (will probably) have to do, having released the set of rules for commissioners who intend to campaign while keeping their current job.

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**Net-Zero Industry Act (NZIA):** According to the provisional timetable, negotiators will meet one last time on 6 February.

**Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP):** The [four-column document](#) was published.

**Ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe Directive:** The third Trilogue on the topic was held on the evening of 23 January.

**Gas package:** On 23 January, MEPs approved the agreements ([1](#) and [2](#)) reached in Trilogues with the Council at the end of 2023 on the revision of renewable and natural gases and hydrogen directive and regulation respectively. The plenary vote is scheduled for the 10-11 April session.

**Hydrogen:** In an interview with German media [Handelsblatt](#), on 23 January, Fatih Birol, the director of the International Energy Agency (IEA) stated that 'only 7% of the world's hydrogen projects will be completed by 2030' and that demand for hydrogen remains uncertain.

**Clean Energy Prices:** In a [report](#) published on 22 January, the think-tank [Sandbag](#) believes that the prices of 'clean' electricity are too high in Europe to make it competitive compared to traditional, highly polluting production.

**'One substance, one assessment' package and the EPP:** According to [Contexte](#), the EPP is charged with the position of the Environment Committee on the three legislative proposals [presented](#) in December 2023.

**EU statistics on income and living conditions:** The European Commission [published](#) on 18 January, in the Official Journal of the EU, the list of variables that will be taken into consideration in the annual assessment of the income and living conditions of citizens in 2025.

**Green Deal:** During a [hearing](#) on 24 January in the European Parliament, the Belgian Minister presiding over the Council of the EU, Alain Maron, dismissed any lowering of ambition of the Green Deal.

**Progress report on the 8th Environmental Action Programme:** In an [exchange](#) with the Environment Committee of the European Parliament on 24 January, Leena Ylä-

Mononen, the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, stated that more action is needed to achieve the objectives of the Green Deal.

FEAD submitted [feedback](#) to the Commission's consultation.

**Sustainability reporting standards for SMEs:** MEPs [approved](#) two-year delay in developing sector-specific sustainability reporting standards and those for companies from outside the EU but they want them published as soon as they are ready.

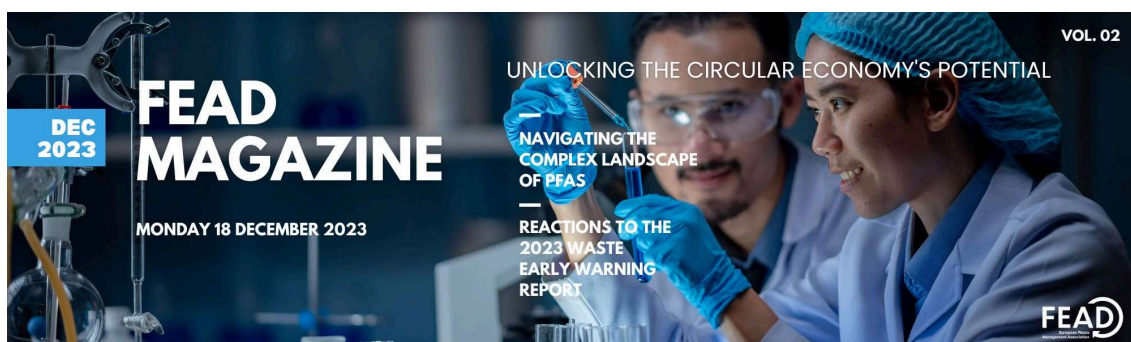
**Heavy-duty vehicles:** On 18 January, the Council and the European Parliament's negotiators [reached](#) an agreement on CO2 emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs).

**European elections:** The Environment Commissioner, Virginijus Sinkevičius, [announced](#) on 21 January, that he will lead the list of the Union of Democrats 'For Lithuania' (DSVL) for the European elections.

Bas Eickhout, Vice-President of the Environment Committee, was [nominated](#) to be the head of a coalition between the greens and social democrats in the Netherlands.

**European Commission:** Diederik Samsom, will step down as Chief of Staff to Climate Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra, according to [NL Times](#).

**Campaign rules for commissioners:** The European Commission has issued, based on guidelines adopted in 2019, [reinforced guidance](#) on ethical standards for Members of the Commission who take part in electoral campaigns for the European Parliament.





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

ESPP workshops on Nutrient recycling policy

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Their objectives are:

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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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## In-depth: Why concern about PFAS continues to grow in Europe

As an increasing number of PFAS contamination scandals emerge across Europe, how are member states are responding? Juliette Laffont takes a look at the current situation

by Juliette Laffont



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