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Hello from Brussels. EU heads of government met up in Brussels, while farmers held protests, shouting 'this is not the Europe we want'. The European Parliament and the Council reached an agreement in the revision of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive and the Trilogues on PPWR and NZIA are in the preparation phase.



Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (Revision): On 29 January, the Council and the Parliament reached an agreement on the revision of the urban wastewater treatment directive.

Emissions Trading System Directive (ETS): On 30 January, the European Commission published the Delegated Act and its annexes updating the free allocation rules for emission allowances.

Per- and polyfluoroalkylated substances (PFAS): The NGOs ChemSec and EEB (European Environment Bureau) [published](#) on 31 January the results of blood tests conducted on several European politicians, to detect the presence of PFAS in their bodies.

Air Quality Directive (revision): In an [article](#) for the International Journal of Public Health on 1 February, several researchers criticised the negotiating mandate adopted by the EU Council.

Fluorinated gases and ozone-depleting substances: On 29 January, the Council [adopted](#) two regulations to phase down fluorinated gases (F-gases) and other substances that cause global warming and deplete the ozone layer.

Mercury: On 30 January, the Council [adopted](#) its negotiating mandate on the proposal to phase out the use of dental amalgam and prohibit the manufacturing, import and export of a number of mercury-added products, including certain lamps.

Renewables acceleration areas: According to the [communication](#) for the European Wind Power Action Plan, the Commission will publish its guidelines to help Member States choose renewable energy acceleration zones by April 2024.

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF): According to Contexte, an [agreement](#) was reached at the special meeting of 1 February in Brussels, largely devoted to the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027.

Road to net zero study: According to a Road to net zero [study](#) by Institut Rousseau and published on 30 January, the EU needs to invest 10% of its current GDP (40 trillion euros) by 2050 to decarbonise its economy.

Oxo-degradable plastic court case: The Court of Justice of the European Union released a [judgement](#) according to which the European legislature did not make an error in banning the placing on the market of products made from plastic containing a pro-oxidant additive.

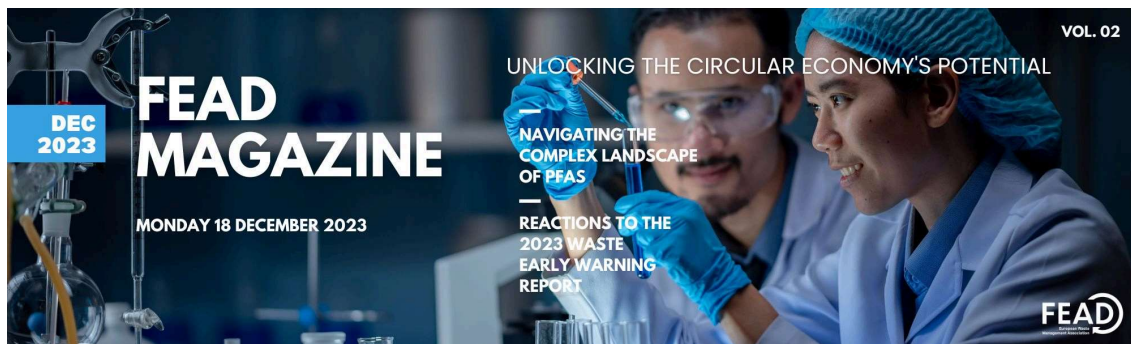
ECHA's new chemicals database: ECHA [launched](#) its new chemicals database titled 'ECHA CHEM'. You can now find information from over 100 000 REACH registrations submitted to ECHA by companies.

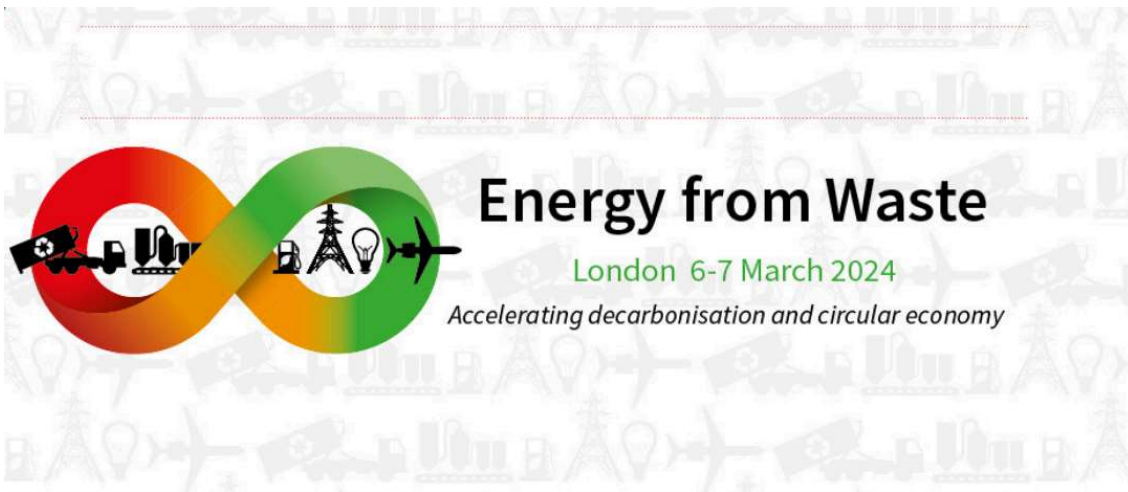
ECHA's strategic goals: On 30 January, ECHA published its [Strategy Statement](#) for 2024-2028.

United Nations Environment Programme: According to a report presented to several European ministers last week and consulted by the British newspaper [The Guardian](#) on 31 January, the United Nations Environment Programme will call for the reduction of the demand for raw materials.

European Commission: Ditte Juul Jørgensen, the Director General for Energy of the European Commission (DG ENER), [wants](#) to 'simplify' the governance Regulation the energy union and climate action, which provides a framework for the national energy-climate plans (NECPs).

European Parliament: Esther de Lange will become the Chief of Staff of Climate Action for the European Commission reports [De telegraaf](#).





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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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PFAS

Blood tests show high-level EU politicians are polluted by PFAS

PRESS RELEASE: ChemSec and the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) today publish blood test results showing that key European leaders have tested positive for so-called ‘forever chemicals’ in their bodies. Up to seven PFAS were found in all tested individuals with five politicians exceeding existing safety threshold levels. The tests show that no one is immune to the presence of PFAS — not even high-level European officials.

Galician plastic pellets crisis: European Commission open to broadening regulation

The European Commission could include maritime transport in the EU regulation to prevent plastic pellet pollution following the spillage of 26 tonnes of pellets on the Spanish coast, environment commissioner Virginijus Sinkevicius told MEPs on Thursday.

by Richard Weyndling

The EU's top 100 waste export destinations in 2022

In 2022, more waste was exported by the EU to Turkey than to any other non-EU country, according to the latest data from Eurostat.

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Parliament probing lobbyists who fought sustainable packaging rules

Business groups could face penalties for overzealous lobbying on the EU's new rules to ditch throwaway packaging for reusable options.

FEAD mentions in the Press:

Residuosprofesional: [LA ASOCIACIÓN PORTUGUESA DE GESTORES DE RESIDUOS ESPECIALES CÍRCULO SE INCORPORA A FEAD](#)

Retema: [FEAD suma una nueva asociación portuguesa: CÍRCULO](#)

Interempresas: [Círculo se une a FEAD para impulsar la gestión sostenible de los residuos especiales en Portugal](#)

EURecycling: [Gefährliche Abfallgüter: Mehr gesetzliche Transportsicherheit ab 2025](#)

Mosaico Europa: [Intervista a Paolo Campanella, Segretario Generale di FEAD](#)

PlastEurope: [Approval of new European rules proposed by waste management association FEAD / Due to take effect in 2025](#)

Recycling Portal: [More legal certainty for the carriage of waste dangerous goods from 2025](#)



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