



NEWSLETTER N° 159 - 19 FEBRUARY 2024

Hello from Brussels. Roses are red, violets are blue, last Valentine's week, the EU bubble was knee-deep in files like the WFD and chemical recycling too! 🌹

At FEAD, Valipac, FEAD's new Belgian Associated member, gave a presentation to our members on the implementation of EPR schemes on industrial packaging and our Senior Legal and Policy Officer, Aizea Astor-Hoschen, gave a presentation for our Spanish member, ASEGRE on the new Waste Shipment Regulation.



Chemical Recycling: The European Commission has prepared a draft version of the Implementing Decision regarding the calculation, verification, and reporting of data on recycled content in single-use plastic beverage bottles. This last version is based on the 'fuel-use exempt approach', and it includes a new definition of 'post-consumer plastic waste'. FEAD rejects the fuel-use exempt allocation model as it cannot be universally applied to all technologies and presents several drawbacks.

Read our [position paper](#) on the topic.

Waste Framework Directive revision (WFD): The ENVI Committee [adopted](#) all the compromise amendments during the vote on 14 February on the draft report negotiated by Anna Zalewska (CRE, Poland).

Soil Monitoring Law (SML): The European Parliament's AGRI Committee [adopted](#) its report on the topic on 13 February. The Environment Committee is scheduled to adopt its position on 11 March, before a vote in plenary scheduled for 10 or 11 April.

Strategic (STEP): The agreement [reached](#) in the Trilogue on 7 February was endorsed by COREPER I on 14 February.

2040 climate and energy framework: On 13 February, the European Commission launched an [interactive tool](#) to visualise CCUS projects supported by the EU.

Carbon market: At an [event](#) organised by the Think Tank Bruegel, on 13 February, the European Commissioner for Climate Action, Wopke Hoekstra, stated that more third countries will soon have a carbon pricing mechanism.

Hydrogen-fuels: In a [report](#) published on 13 February, the NGO Transport & Environment stated that the EU must focus on its domestic production of hydrogen fuels.

Municipal Waste 2022: 513kg! That is the amount of municipal waste generated in the EU per person (19kg less than in 2021) according to [recent data](#) by [Eurostat](#).

European Bank of Investment (EBI): At the European Investment Bank (EIB) [Forum](#) on 8 February, Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission for the Green Deal, [suggested](#) setting up a 'sustainable critical raw materials' working group within the bank.

Energy and Climate Governance Regulation: In an [opinion](#), published on 9 February, the European Committee of the Regions asked the European Commission to revise the Energy and Climate Governance Regulation.

Construction Products Regulation: On 13 February, European Parliament and the Council reached an [agreement](#) on the new Construction Products Regulation.

Environmental Green Claims Directive: On 14 February, the Internal Market and Environment committees [adopted](#) their position on the rules on how firms can validate their environmental marketing claims.

Ship-source pollution Directive: On 15 February, the Council Presidency and the European Parliament reached an [agreement](#) on a revised Directive on the topic as part of the 'maritime safety' legislative package.

CETA Joint Committee Meeting: The European Trade Commissioner, Valdis Dombrovskis, [stated](#) at a press conference with Canada's trade minister on 9 February that the European Union and Canada are committed to clarifying climate protection standards in CETA (the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement).

2024 Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report: The European Commission has published the 2024 Annual Single Market and Competitiveness [Report](#).

BusinessEurope survey on EU permitting: BusinessEurope [surveyed](#) 240 companies across 21 European countries about their experiences with EU permitting processes. Watch their video [here](#) to learn more.

Recyclclass modules: [Recyclclass](#) has developed two new [modules](#) to strengthen the certification of closed and controlled loop recycling.

FEAD News: On 13 February, Valipac, FEAD's new Belgian Associated member, gave a presentation to our members on the implementation of EPR schemes and industrial packaging.

On 15 February, our Senior Legal and Policy Officer, Aizea Astor-Hoschen, gave a presentation for our Spanish member, ASEGRE's workshop on the new Waste Shipment Regulation.





📣 EFRAG invites you to join our hybrid outreach event focusing on SMEs, scheduled on 20 February 2024, from 10:00 to 12:15 CET. This event complements the launch of the public consultation for two Exposure Drafts (EDs) on sustainability reporting standards for SMEs.

🎯 The primary objective of this event is to provide a comprehensive overview of the two Exposure Drafts on sustainability reporting standards for SMEs, namely:

- the ESRS for listed SMEs (ESRS LSME ED) and
- the voluntary reporting standard for non-listed SMEs (VSME ED).

📝 Registered participants will have the opportunity to share their feedback by answering polling questions during the event. Your input matters! 💬

Don't miss out on this chance to contribute to the shaping of sustainability reporting standards for SMEs. Register before 16 February and be a part of the conversation! 🌱

[More information](#)



SUPPORTING ORGANISATION 2024



LEARN MORE

EFWCONFERENCE.COM

The Energy from Waste Conference 2024 will once again bring together an exceptional line-up of the industry's best speakers, with technical experts, international leaders, and innovative developers providing an unmissable two days of the latest information.

Benefit from a packed two-day programme; explore the critical issues with the industry's best speakers and technical experts and take part in in-depth discussion sessions and robust debates.

Gain real value from the plentiful networking times with fellow industry leaders, enabling meetings, connections, and business growth.

[Learn more here](#)

ESPP WORKSHOPS ON NUTRIENT RECYCLING POLICY

13-14 March 2024

Brussels & Online

13th March 2024

Policy tools to support
market pull for
recycled nutrients

14th March 2024

Proposing UWWT
Directive targets for P
and N recovery

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.

More information is available [here](#).



**Waste
Management
Europe**

9 - 11 April 2024
Bergamo, Italy

www.wme-expo.com

Organized by

IES Events

Held under the patronage of

**Regione
Lombardia**

ENEA
agenzia nazionale per le nuove tecnologie,
energia e le attività economiche sostenibili

**CONFINDUSTRIA
CISAMBIENTE**

ITA
ITALIAN TRADE AGENCY
ICE - Direzione per la Promozione e il Commercio
Internazionale della Repubblica Italiana

UniAcque
UNIONE ITALIANA
ACQUEDOTTI

ASSORISORSE
Unione Nazionale di Energie sostenibili

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!

[Register now](#)



ECONOMY & MARKETS

Laws and regulations around waste management every business owner needs to know

It's important for businesses to stay on top of changing laws and legislation within their sector, and it can be difficult to keep up when working weeks become hectic.

14.02.2024

Analysis: Can PFAS 'forever' chemicals ever be removed?

Even if PFAS 'forever' chemicals were globally banned tomorrow, they would remain in our environment - and bodies - for many years into the future. While calls for bans grow in some quarters, Catherine Early delves into current - and emerging - solutions to destroying the chemicals.

'Majorities are enough': MEPs primed to endorse 40% cut to food waste by 2030

EXCLUSIVE: European Parliament group envoys have settled on compromises on the revision of the Waste Framework Directive, with boosted headline targets for food waste reduction, as parliament sources expect 'everything' to be adopted at an upcoming environment committee vote.

ART — Analysis and Research Team

FOR WARD LOOK 2024

Managing uncertainty



Council of the European Union
General Secretariat

— JANUARY 2024

FEAD mentions in the Press:

Contexte: [Recyclage chimique: la Commission Européenne revient a sa proposition initiale.](#)

Worldnationnews: [The circular economy is the key to achieving the European Commission's climate goal for 2040.](#)

Mrw: [Industry calls for 75% recycling by 2035](#)

Recyclingportal: [Circular Economy: Paramount to Achieve the European Commission's 2040 Climate Target](#)

Recycling: [Circular economy paramount to achieve European 2040 climate target](#)

Retema: [La economía circular es clave para alcanzar el objetivo climático de la Comisión Europea para 2040](#)

Ricicla: [Spedizioni di rifiuti, tra nuove procedure e 'reshoring' del recupero: cosa cambia per le imprese](#)



- **Go to your Member Area** (<https://fead.be/index.php> > “Members Only”)
 - **Enter your login and password** (Please ask your login and password to info@fead.be if you forgot it)
 - **Go to “Active Files”**. Here you have access to all files followed by FEAD Secretariat.
- For further information or enquiries, please contact the FEAD Secretariat at info@fead.be