

FEAD NEWSLETTER



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Hello from Brussels. The EU's worst kept secret is out: von der Leyen has announced her candidacy to become the lead candidate of the EPP.

At FEAD, we were busy organising our first Committees of the year and prepping upcoming files.



2024 European elections: On 19 February, Von der Leyen [announced](#) her candidacy to become the lead candidate of the European People's Party (EPP) for the 2024 European elections in June.

JRC study on alternative food packaging products: The Joint Research Centre (JRC) published the results of its [study on the performance of alternative food packaging products](#) on 20 February.

Net-Zero Industry Act (NZIA): On 22 February, the ITRE Committee [validated](#) the agreement during a common meeting with the Budget Committee.

Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP): On 22 February, the ITRE Committee [validated](#) the agreement reached on the topic.

EU carbon removals certification framework: On 20 February, the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament negotiators reached an [agreement](#) on a Regulation for the first EU-level certification framework for carbon removals.

Ambient Air Quality Directive: On 20 February, the Council and the Parliament reached an [agreement](#) on a proposal to set EU air quality standards in order to achieve the target of zero-pollution.

The NGOs ClientEarth and [HEAL](#) regret that the standards approved by the negotiators remain below the recommendations of the WHO.

Industrial Emissions Directive: On 20 February, eleven NGOs and industry lobbies have spoken out in a [joint statement](#) calling for a swift approval of the revised Directive without further livestock concessions.

Greenhouse Gas Emission: On 22 February, the European Environment Agency published a [briefing](#) stating that better links between waste management, the circular economy and climate change measures can boost the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Empowering Consumers Directive: On 20 February, the Council [adopted](#) the directive to empower consumers for the green transition.

Energy Charter Treaty (ECT): On 22 February, the UK [confirmed](#) its withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty.

Projects of Common Interest (PCIs): On 22 February, the ITRE Committee [rejected](#) a draft motion of objection to the list of projects of common interest (PCIs).

European Industrial Deal: On 20 February, Cefic gathered all [co-signatories](#) of the '[Antwerp declaration](#)' in the presence of Ursula von der Leyen and Alexander De Croo.

LIFE programme: On 22 February, the European Commission [announced](#) that 233 million euros will be invested in 12 new Strategic Projects across Europe under the LIFE programme.

NGOs' legal battle against INEOS: On 22 February, the NGO ClientEarth [announced](#) that, together with 14 NGOs, they are launching a case against the Flemish authorities in their battle against the petrochemicals company INEOS.

EFRAG SME Standards: On 20 February, EFRAG [launched](#) a series of educational videos on ESRS LSME ED and VSME ED. Watch them [here](#).

Mid-term evaluation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF): On 21 February, the European Commission published a [mid-term evaluation](#) of the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

Municipal bio-waste management report: [LIFE BIOBEST](#) project (a project by ZeroWaste Europe, ECN, ACR+ and Fundacio ENT) has published a [report](#) on homogenised datasets on municipal bio-waste management.



EFRAG is seeking a motivated and detail-oriented administrative assistant intern to provide support to our Secretariat and executive team.

This internship offers an excellent opportunity to gain valuable experience in administrative operations within a dynamic and collaborative environment!

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 Location: EFRAG offices, Brussels

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The banner features a background of faint icons related to energy and waste. On the left, there is a circular graphic with a red-to-green gradient, containing icons for a recycling symbol, a truck, a power plant, a lightbulb, and an airplane. To the right of this graphic, the text reads: "Energy from Waste" in a large, bold, black font. Below this, "London 6-7 March 2024" is written in a smaller green font, followed by the tagline "Accelerating decarbonisation and circular economy" in a smaller black font. At the bottom of the banner, a green bar contains the text "SUPPORTING ORGANISATION 2024" in white, bold, uppercase letters.



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[EFWCONFERENCE.COM](https://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.

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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](#).



9 - 11 April 2024
Bergamo, Italy
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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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PRESS REVIEW & REPORTS



'Riddled with holes': Timid welcome for carbon removals framework

The European Parliament and Council have agreed on a Carbon Removal Certification Framework (CRCF) which green groups say is an improvement on the Commission's original proposal but still allows for corporate greenwashing.

Interview: IPCC lead author Dr. François Gemenne on climate action

Dr. François Gemenne, IPCC lead author, speaks to Claudia Delpero about the green backlash and what European businesses are getting wrong about climate action

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EU chief quietly kills ‘nanny-state’ policies with eye on election

From pesticides to alcohol labeling, Ursula von der Leyen is taking an ax to any potentially vote-losing policies.

MEPs table objection to proposed projects of common interest

A cross-party group of MEPs has tabled a motion objecting to the list of projects of common interest proposed in November by the European Commission, stating that the proposal is incompatible with climate goals.

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](#)



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