



### NEWSLETTER N° 165 - 02 APRIL 2024

**Hello from busy Brussels.** The Environment Council was in full swing on 25 March. Ministers debated the waste framework directive and the regulation on preventing pellet losses to prevent microplastic pollution. And as if that wasn't enough, the Council adopted the revision on the Waste Shipments Regulation!

**At FEAD**, we've been bustling with activity, gearing up for our Hybrid workshop on Circular Value Chain Partnerships on 16 April, while also actively participating in ADR meetings on the transport of dangerous goods!



**Environment Council:** On 25 March, the **Environment Council** took place. Ministers debated on the waste framework Directive and the Regulation on preventing pellet losses to reduce microplastics pollution.

Waste Shipment Regulation revision (WSR): On 25 March, the Council <u>adopted</u> the revision of the Regulation on shipments of waste.

In a **press release** published on 25 March, FEAD called on Member States to make sure that their administrations can process shipment notifications in a timely manner so that we can overcome the long delays companies now face.

#### European Commission Communication on 2040 Climate target: In a joint

**<u>letter</u>** published on 21 March, more than 100 companies and investors (such as EDF, H&M, Google and more) called on the European Union to set an emissions reduction target of at least 90% by 2040.

**Demand-reduction measures for gas:** On 25 March, the Council <u>adopted</u> a recommendation to continue coordinated demand reduction measures for gas without debate.

**E3G Report:** According to an <u>EG3 repor</u>t, the gas consumption projections in France, Germany, Italy and Hungary miss the REPowerEU's target.

**Protection of the environment through criminal law Directive:** On Tuesday 26 March, the Agriculture and Fisheries Council formally <u>adopted</u> the Directive.

**European Commission and REACH transparency:** On 15 March, the European Ombudsman reached the <u>conclusion</u> that by refusing to give full access to legislative documents on the revision of REACH the European Commission is violating its transparency obligations.

European Commission study on a methodological framework and assessment of potential financial risks associated with biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation: In a <u>study</u> published on 22 March, the Directorate-General for Financial Stability of the European Commission recommends that the financial sector include the risks to biodiversity in its decisions.

**2024 European Parliament Elections:** On 19 March, MEP Frédérique Ries (Renew, Belgium) stated to Belgian media, <u>Le Soir</u>, that she will not run for a new term.

Joint Manifesto on energetic sufficiency: On 26 March, several organisations such as ACR+, EEB and ClientEarth published their manifesto titled '<u>A Resilient and Resource-</u> wise Europe: Sufficiency at the Heart of the EU's Future'.





#### TOWARDS TOXIC-FREE FORUM - Together for Zero Pollution

The Zero Pollution Ambition, part of the EU's Green Deal, is the driving force behind our efforts to create a toxic-free environment. To explore this vision and chart the way forward, we have brought together a distinguished Group of Experts for what we hope will be an exciting day.

Our common goal is to work together to achieve Zero Pollution ambition. Chemical pollution is a major threat to human health, the environment and biodiversity. The TOWARDS TOXIC-FREE FORUM aims to raise awareness of these issues and highlight the vital role of European Legislation in protecting our health and our planet.

Our event will bring together a wide range of experts, including scientists, industry players and regulators. We will facilitate interactive sessions, in-depth discussions and the exchange of best practices.

The TOWARDS TOXIC-FREE FORUM will address key issues such as European Regulations, Chemical Pollution and Hazardous Waste Management. We will seek to encourage knowledge sharing, promote best practice and stimulate innovation in line with our common Zero Pollution ambition.

We invite you to participate in this initiative and share your expertise. Together we can make a significant impact in the fight against chemical pollution. **Register here** 



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



FEAD is hosting an upcoming hybrid workshop hosted by FEAD on **16 April, from 10.30AM to 12.30AM at Cen Cenelec meeting centre, rooms Magellan 1 & 2, rue de la Science, 23, Brussels.** 

Following the directive from FEAD's Board to establish Circular Economy Value Chain Partnerships across five strategic sectors (automotive, construction & landscaping, plastic packaging, renewable energy & batteries, and voluminous objects), our dedicated Working Groups have been diligently crafting strategies. This hybrid workshop will highlight the work that has been done on the partnerships.

The session will be kicked off by Jean-Paul Judson, providing an overview of the vision and partnership projects, and concluded by FEAD President, Claudia Mensi. The workshop will be followed by a light lunch.

Please note that this is an internal event reserved for FEAD members.



### First in Europe: Belgium will ban sale of disposable vapes from 2025

Accelerating the circular economy in Europe

## In this corner of Europe, no one cares about the EU election

# <u>'Wrong direction': Concern over rapid growth of plastic incineration in Europe</u>

FEAD mentions in the Press:

RecyclingMagazine: New Waste Shipment Regulation formally adopted

MRW: EU to ban most waste exports outside Europe

LetsRecycle: FEAD calls for less delays following EU WSR adoption

Residuousprofessional: <u>FEAD ADVIERTE QUE EL NUEVO REGLAMENTO DE</u> <u>TRASLADOS DE RESIDUOS EXIGIRÁ AUMENTAR LA CAPACIDAD DE RECICLAJE</u>

RecyclingPortal: Revision of the Waste Framework Directive: FEAD celebrates
European Parliament's vote

Esgdata: PFAS pubblicato articolo scientifico FEAD.

GlobalRecycling: FEAD's scientific study on the Presence of PFAS in Waste

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MRW: MEPs seek tougher food and textile waste rules

ENDS: New study unveils concerns over PFAS presence in waste



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