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Hello from Brussels, where things have been decidedly quieter as it seems even legislations have been enjoying their Easter break.

At FEAD, we've been busy with our Secretary General, Paolo Campanella's new appointment as co-chair to the task force 2 in the Biomethane Industrial Partnership and welcoming AIESSE, our new associate member from Brazil.





PET Recycled content targets: According to numbers <u>published</u> by Plastics Recyclers Europe (PRE) on 27 March, the European Union is on track to reach the target of 25% for the incorporation of recycled PET into plastic bottles by 2025.

PET and Chinese competition: On 2 April, a European Commission <u>Implementing</u> **Regulation** was published in the Official Journal of the European Union imposing a

definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate originating in People's Republic of China.

PFAS restrictions in France: On 4 April, the French Parliament <u>voted</u> in majority for restrictions on PFAS.

Guidelines for removability and replaceability of portable batteries and LMT batteries: FEAD and EuRIC sent a joint <u>position paper</u> to the European Commission in which we state that we welcome the issuance of guidelines on the topic, however, 'the waste management industry proposes including additional practical examples that comprehensively cover the scope of portable batteries found in the market (batteries in gift cards, clothing, small accessories, electronic cigarettes...) that will have to comply with Article 11 of the Regulation'.

Soil Monitoring Law: MEPs had until 3 April to table their proposals for <u>amendments</u> to the draft report on the topic.

Allocation of emission allowances Regulation: On 4 April, the new rules on the free allocation of carbon allowances entered into force as it was published in the **EU Official Journal**.

Emission Trading Systems (ETS) emissions: The data <u>published</u> by the European Commission on 3 April shows that a carbon emissions dropped last year.

Hydrogen and Decarbonised Gas Market Directive: The International Association of Oil & Gas Producers asked the European Union to adopt the Delegated Act on the Hydrogen 'and Decarbonized Gas Market Directive ASAP'. Read their tweet here.

Energy Charter Treaty (ECT): The European Commission has <u>proposed</u> to the Member States to partially suspend the application of the ECT between the EU and 'any legal entity owned or controlled by citizens or nationals of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus'.

Internal Energy Market: In a <u>written response</u> to questions from MEPs Anna Fotyga (ECR, Poland) and András Gyürk (non-attached, Hungary), the European Commission asks Member States to refrain from applying 'storage levies charged at crossborder points' as they are 'a hurdle in the internal market and risk causing market fragmentation'.

Nature Restoration Law: On 31 March, in an interview with the Belgian media, <u>De</u>

Zondag, Alexander De Croo, the Belgian Prime Minister, stated that the Nature Restoration

Law is 'a bad law' that will 'create more uncertainty'.

Climate crisis: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Director-General of WHO, published an <u>opinion piece</u> in French media Le Monde on 28 March on the climate crisis.

Convention on Biological Diversity: The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has <u>appointed</u> Astrid Schomaker as the new Executive Secretary.

FEAD News: On 4 April, the Biomethane Industrial Partnership (BIP) <u>announced</u> that Paolo Campanella, FEAD's Secretary General had become the new co-chair for the Task Force 2 on 'Accelerating biomethane project development'.

FEAD also welcomed a new associate member, AIESSE, from Brazil!







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.

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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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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.





Review article

Taxonomy of design for deconstruction options to enable circular economy in buildings

Member states lock horns over blocked Nature Restoration Law

European Commission

Ninth report on economic, social and territorial cohesion

'Wrong direction': Concern over rapid growth of plastic incineration in Europe

FEAD mentions in the Press:

PlastEurope: New waste-shipment rules get thumbs up from Council of the EU /
Adoption confirms ban on plastics exports to non-OECD countries

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RecyclingMagazine: New Waste Shipment Regulation formally adopted

MRW: <u>EU to ban most waste exports outside Europe</u>

LetsRecycle: FEAD calls for less delays following EU WSR adoption

Residuousprofessional: <u>FEAD ADVIERTE QUE EL NUEVO REGLAMENTO DE</u>

TRASLADOS DE RESIDUOS EXIGIRÁ AUMENTAR LA CAPACIDAD DE RECICLAJE

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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