






FEAD BULLETIN N° 35 - 15 January 2021

Communication, Networking, and Future Events

- **Stay Tuned: FEAD Event on Batteries**
 - FEAD will hold a side event to the [EU Industry Days 2021](#) either on 22 or 23 March 2021, on the topic of **recycling of batteries**, in view of the new Regulation on sustainable batteries recently proposed by the European Commission (December 2020).
 - The event will be entitled "**Batteries' recycling: energising the EU green transition**" and will include **speakers** representing the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Recycling Industry (FEAD), as well as the Oeko Institut (the consultancy appointed by the EC).
 - More information on the event and on the registration will follow soon! Make sure you check the [dedicated page of our website](#).
- **FEAD Press Release on the Council's Conclusions on the new CEAP**
 - 📣 On December 18, FEAD issued a [Press Release](#) on the Council's Conclusions, dated 17 December, entitled "Making the Recovery Circular and Green" in response to the European Commission's "Circular Economy Action Plan for a cleaner and more competitive Europe".
 - The Press Release followed the publication of a relevant **FEAD position paper**, dated 17 December.

Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **EC Consultation on Sustainable Textiles:**
 - The Commission has **published** a new initiative - **Roadmap for an Eu Strategy for Sustainable Textiles.**
 -  **FEAD has prepared a draft response.** Please, send us your feedback by **27 January 2021 COB** (EC deadline for feedback is **02 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - Please, find the roadmap **here.**
- **EC Consultation on Batteries:**
 - The Commission has **published** a new initiative - **Consultation on the Proposal for a Regulation on Batteries - modernising EU rules.**
 -  **FEAD has prepared a draft response.** Please, send us your feedback by **05 February 2021 COB** (EC deadline for feedback is **11 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - Particularly we request your feedback on the **levels of recovered materials** (Annex XII Part C page 19 of the attached Regulation Annexes), which set **high levels** of materials' recovery by all recycling processes.
 - Please, find all the relevant documents (proposal for a regulation, annexes, impact assessment report, and Regulatory Scrutiny Board opinion) **here.**
- **EC Consultation on ecodesign of mobile phones and tablets:**
 - The Commission has **published** a new initiative - **Roadmap for Designing Mobile Phones and Tablets to be Sustainable – Ecodesign.** FEAD will prepare a draft response and will share it with you in the following days (EC deadline for feedback is **27 January 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - Please, find the inception impact assessment **here.**
- **EC Consultation on the Revision of the IED & of the E-PRTR:**

- The Commission has published two new initiatives - **Public Consultations (questionnaires) on the Revision of the [Industrial Emissions Directive](#) and of the [E-PRTR](#)**. (Please, note that while there are two different initiatives on the EC website, the consultation and the questionnaire are merged).
 -  [FEAD has prepared a draft response](#) to the common **EC Questionnaire**. Please, send us your feedback by **01 March 2021 COB** (EC deadline is **23 March 2021** - midnight Brussels time).

- **15th meeting of the IED Article 13 Forum - 25 January 2021:**
 - FEAD has been invited to the **15th meeting of the IED Article 13 Forum on 25 January 2021** which will take place online from **10:00 - 16.30 CET**.
 - The main objective of the meeting will be to obtain the Forum's opinion on the **Work Programme** for the exchange of information under the IED (see [here](#)).

- **EC Consultation on the EU ETS:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on Climate change – updating the EU emissions trading system (ETS)**.
 - FEAD will prepare a draft response to the [EC Questionnaire](#) and we will share it with you for your feedback (EC deadline is **05 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).

- **EC Consultation on Effort Sharing Regulation:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on National emissions reduction targets ([Effort Sharing Regulation](#)) – review based on 2030 climate target plan**.
 - FEAD will prepare a draft response to the [EC Questionnaire](#) and we will share it with you for your feedback (EC deadline is **05 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).

- **EC Consultation on the Evaluation and Review of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive (EED):**

- The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on the evaluation and review of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)**. FEAD will provide feedback only if any members want us to do so. In any case, you can provide your separate responses (deadline for feedback is **09 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - For your convenience, please, find the Questionnaire, the Inception Impact Assessment, and FEAD's response to the corresponding Roadmap [here](#).
- **EC Consultation on the Review of the EU Renewable Energy Rules:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on the review of the EU renewable energy rules (REDII)**. FEAD will provide feedback only if any members want us to do so. In any case, you can provide your separate responses (deadline for feedback is **09 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - For your convenience, please, find the Questionnaire, the Inception Impact Assessment, and FEAD's response to the corresponding Roadmap [here](#).
- **EC Consultation on EU Action Plan Towards a Zero Pollution Ambition for air, water and soil:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on EU Action Plan Towards a Zero Pollution Ambition for air, water and soil** (EC deadline is **10 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
- **EC Consultation on Sewage Sludge use in farming – evaluation:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on Sewage sludge use in farming – evaluation** (deadline for feedback is **05 March 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - For your convenience, please, find the Questionnaire, the Evaluation/Fitness Check Roadmap, and FEAD's

- response to the corresponding Roadmap [here](#).
- The Consultancy is also conducting a **survey targeting specific stakeholders on the sewage sludge directive** on behalf of the Commission. Please, find the survey [here](#).
 - **FEAD** will hold an online meeting on **09 February 2021 at 10:30 - 12:30 CET** to prepare a **common FEAD reply** for submission.
- **FEAD provided feedback to Consultations:**
 - On 18 December 2020, **FEAD [provided feedback](#)** to the **EC Public Consultation on a Draft Delegated Act on Sustainable finance – EU classification system for green investments**, which is published [here](#).
 - On 31 December 2020, **FEAD [provided feedback](#)** to the EC Consultation on the **8th Environmental Action Programme** (Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2030), which is published [here](#).
 - On 06 January 2021, **FEAD [provided feedback](#)** to the public consultation - questionnaire of the EC initiative on **reducing packaging waste - review of rules**, which is published [here](#).
 - On 13 January 2021, **FEAD [provided feedback](#)** to the CARACAL consultation - Guidance Annex VIII - Labelling packaging of ECHA. The submission followed an online meeting of FEAD members on 12 January.
 - On 15 January 2021, **FEAD [provided comments](#)** to the EC Targeted stakeholder consultation on the draft amendment of Commission Notice on Waste Classification (2018/C 124/01). The original existing guidance with no revision can be found [here](#).

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- The **Compromise Amendments** between the political groups regarding the **report** of the **ENVI Committee** of the European Parliament on the **new Circular Economy Action Plan** were leaked this week.
- Regarding Amendments 26 and 28 regarding Paragraphs 31 and 34 – 34a of the report respectively, we pointed out to EP that:
 - a cap on residual waste should be deleted from the text: Residual waste has no legal definition, and a general cap is very problematic as it is not feasible in practice. A cap on residual waste is not needed as long as recycling targets are in place. Measures for tackling residual waste are sufficiently mentioned in Paragraph 34a.
 - the call for harmonisation of selective collection schemes should also be deleted from the text: We do not see why local schemes for selective collection should be harmonised across EU (frequency, colour of the bags/bins etc). Taking into account different regional or local conditions is key for success, and for not impacting well-functioning existing systems, as mentioned in the compromise amendment.
 - Please note that the proposed text in **Paragraph 34 on landfills** now reads: ***“Member States must strengthen prevention and preparation for reuse, increase high-quality recycling and move away from landfilling waste, while minimising the need for incineration, in line with the waste hierarchy”***.
 - The last meeting of shadow rapporteurs took place today, January 15. As a reminder, the **vote** in the **ENVI committee** will take place on **January 25** and in the **EP Plenary on February 8**.
- EU action to reduce plastic waste: exchange with the Court of Auditors.
 - **EP CONT** and **ENVI** committees held a joint exchange (Thursday 7 January) with the **European Court of Auditor** on their review of the **EU’s response to the growing problem of plastic waste**.
 - Plastic waste represents a sizeable share of total waste with packaging in particular accounting for over 60 % of plastic waste. The review examines issues such as packaging

design, extended producer responsibility, recycling, shipment and trafficking of waste. It provides key findings to improve the implementation of the 2018 Plastics Strategy.

- Find more information [here](#).

This week's focus: Minutes of the Fourth Informal WG meeting on ADR

- The **minutes of the Fourth Informal Working Group Meeting on ADR and Waste**, which was held on **19 November 2020**, are now available [here](#).
 - **In relation to issues 2.2 and 2.5 of the minutes, FEAD will conduct further work on a clear and comprehensive document presenting a benchmark** on the existing national derogations classified by relevant issues. We will keep you posted on how this work proceeds.
 - On 17 December 2020, **FEAD submitted [document 61](#)** for the Spring Joint Meeting's session with **modifications** agreed during the last two informal working group meetings.
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Press Review & Reports

- **ZWE study on reusable packaging**
 - The civil society organization **Zero Waste Europe (ZWE)** published a new [study](#) (December 2020) entitled "**REUSABLE Vs SINGLE-USE PACKAGING: A review of environmental impacts**" and finding that **reusable packaging has 85% lower carbon emissions than single-use alternatives**.

Webinars & Conferences

- **EP Intergroup on Climate Change webinar - Towards a climate-neutral EU via its NECPs**
 - The European Parliament Intergroup on "Climate Change, Biodiversity & Sustainable Development" will hold a webinar entitled "**Towards a climate-neutral EU via its national**

energy & climate plans for 2021-2030", hosted by **MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri** and with the participation of the **Commissioner Ms. Simson**.

- 28 January 2021, 13:30 - 15:30 CET. Register [here](#).

- **EPR Club Conference on tackling microplastics pollution**

- The **EPR Club** will hold a **two-part international conference "EPR as an instrument to tackle microplastics pollution?"**, organised in collaboration with the **European Parliament Intergroup on 'Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development'**. The first part of this interactive discussion will be aimed towards **problem setting and understanding of microplastics and potential measures to address it**. The second part will be focused on **EPR as policy instruments**.
 - First part: 27 January 2021, 14:00 - 16:00 CET. Register [here](#).
 - Second part: 24 February 2021, 14:00 - 16:00 CET. Register will follow soon.

FEAD website - Reminder

- **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" and here you have access to all files followed by FEAD Secretariat. We keep it updated!**
- **Frequency of FEAD Bulletin:** The bulletin will be sent maximum once per week, but without a minimum if it not necessary. If there is a slow week with no new relevant information, then we deem that it is not necessary to send it.

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