



## FEAD BULLETIN N° 37 - 29 January 2021

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### Communication, Networking, and Future Events

- **FEAD Press Release on the EP ENVI nCEAP report**
  -  On January 27, FEAD issued a [Press Release](#) welcoming the adoption by the European Parliament's Environment Committee of the **report on the new Circular Economy Action Plan**. For more information on the topic, please see the *This week's focus* section below.
    -  **FEAD on the news:** the PR was featured [on the news](#) on 28 January.
- **FEAD Event on Batteries - 22 March 2021**
  - FEAD will hold a side event to the [EU Industry Days 2021](#) in partnership with the **European Commission**, on **22 March 2021, at 14h00 – 16h00 CET**, 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 the following **speakers**:
    - **Mr Jose RIZO MARTIN**, Senior Expert in the European Commission Directorate-General for the Environment, Directorate B, Circular Economy & Green Growth
    - **MEP Maria SPYRAKI**, Shadow-Rapporteur for the new Regulation on Sustainable Batteries, European

Parliament – ITRE Committee (EPP, Greece)

- **Dr Hartmut STAHL**, Senior Researcher, Oeko Institut
  - **Ms Astrid ARNBERGER**, Head of Research and Development, Leiter Forschung & Entwicklung (Austria)
  - **Mr Alessandro DANESI**, Commercial Director of S.E.VAL Group (Italy)
  - **Mr Janne KOIVISTO & Mr Tero HOLLÄNDER** (TBC), Fortum (Finland)
  - **Mr Peter KURTH**, FEAD President
  - Wrap-up by **Ms Valérie PLAINEMAISON**, FEAD Secretary-General
- More information on the event and on the registration will follow soon! Make sure you check the [dedicated page of our website](#).




## Batteries' recycling: energising the EU green transition

**22 March, 14h00-16h00**  
Online conference

**FEAD** European Waste Management Association **EU INDUSTRY WEEK 2021**


## Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **EC Consultation on Sustainable Textiles:**
  - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Roadmap for an Eu Strategy for Sustainable Textiles**.
  -  [FEAD has prepared an UPDATED](#) draft response. Please, send us your feedback by **Monday 01 February 2021 COB at the latest** (EC deadline for feedback is **02 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).


- Please, pay particular attention to the paragraph related to EPR schemes!
  - Please, find the roadmap [here](#).
- **FEAD Sub-Committee Shipments & the new plastic waste entries:**
    - Following a **FEAD Sub-Committee Shipments** meeting of the 26th of January on a common strategy for the correspondents' guidelines on the new plastic waste entries, please find **the minutes of the meeting** [here](#).
    - As agreed on this occasion, [FEAD has prepared a draft position paper](#) on the matter as a common basis to engage in external discussions. To sum up, the following is the preliminary position agreed at the Sub-Committee Shipments with regards to the 2% impurity threshold:
      - A feasible threshold amounting to 8% for non-polymeric impurities, for intra-EU shipments, established on the basis of current business and technical practices across MS.
      - As for some flows this threshold might not be achievable (i.e. agricultural films), we suggest the possibility to justify impurity thresholds higher than 8%, allowing not to apply the notification procedure, provided that:
        - It is contractually accepted by the buyer and
        - A written argumentation clearly explains why the plastic waste materials cannot comply with the threshold and the subsequent treatment the plastic waste will undergo.
    - The position paper also asked for clarifications over the definition of “impurity” and calculation methods.
    - If you have any examples on plastic waste flows that wouldn't comply with the proposed 8% target (thus potentially falling under the contractual obligation), please let us know. It would be good to compile a clear list of flows to complement the proposal.
    - ✨ Considering that the Commission is gathering input from the waste management sector by 5 February, **we kindly ask**

you to provide us with your input by Tuesday 02 February 2021 COB, in order for us to coordinate externally.

- **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 an UPDATED 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 the Revision of the IED & of the E-PRTR:**

- The Commission has published two 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).

- **FEAD took part in the stakeholders' workshop on Bio-based plastics:**

- On 28 January, FEAD participated in the **2nd stakeholders' workshop on Bio-based plastics: sustainable sourcing and content**, organised by the EC consultant Woods and the University of Wageningen. Please find the slides **here**.

- They will soon provide us with a note from the workshop. In the meantime, they asked us **to share any additional points, sources, questions** with them asap – ideally by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.
  - The main things to highlight are:
    - The request of the biobased plastics industry for incentives: for example to be exempted from the plastics tax and other incentives like the biofuels have
    - The promotion of recycling of organic waste into biobased plastics in the framework of a circular economy (which seems a very strong opportunity, if feasible)
    - The need for harmonisation of standards
    - Identification of sustainability criteria for LCA
  - We will share with them [FEAD's position paper issued in September 2019](#), but if you have **any further information or study you would like us to share with the consultant, please let us know by Tuesday 02 February at 12:00 CET.**
- **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 has prepared a draft response](#) to the EC Questionnaire. Please, send us your comments by **Tuesday 02 February COB** (EC deadline for feedback 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 has prepared a draft response](#) to the EC Questionnaire. Please, send us your comments by **Wednesday 03 February COB** (EC deadline for

feedback 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**.
-  [FEAD has prepared a draft response to the questionnaire](#). Please, send us your comments **by the 5th of February 2021 COB** (EC deadline is **10 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).

- For your convenience, kindly find the roadmap and the FEAD reply to the roadmap (submitted in October 2020) [here](#).
- **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.
- **SUP Directive Guidelines:**
  - We received the [latest version of the SUP directive guidelines](#), which are currently at the late stage of preparation by the Commission. The current version, compared to the one of September, seems to have specified the types of plastics better:
    - in chapter 4 Specific Product Criteria, from page 10 onwards, there are detailed examples of what is included in the Directive
    - in the definition of “not chemically modified” at page 7-8 they specify to pay attention to the polymer structure changes during the manufacturing process: “... *Consequently, it is not sufficient to merely consider the difference between the ingoing and the final polymer. In the course of manufacturing materials such as viscose and cellophane (in these cases, reaction with carbon disulphide to form sodium cellulose xanthate), the natural polymer cellulose undergoes a deliberate chemical modification. Therefore, viscose and*



*cellophane cannot be deemed to have remained 'unmodified', even though they may return to a cellulose structure by the end of the process. This means that viscose and cellophane (made from cellulose) are included in the Directive...."*

- The guidelines are going to be finalised by the Commission by the end of February, so in case you have anything relevant to highlight, **please report it to us and to your Member State authority (which are now being consulted by the Commission), as soon as possible.**
  - **FEAD provided feedback to EC consultation:**
    - On 27 January, **FEAD provided feedback** to the EC initiative - **Roadmap for Designing Mobile Phones and Tablets to be Sustainable – Ecodesign**, which is published **here**.
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## **Monitoring of EU Institutions**

### **Life of EU institutions**

- A side session of the **CPA General Assembly** was held on 11 December 2020 on “**Standardisation for a circular plastics economy**”.
  - The presentations by the speakers are available **here**.

### **This week's focus: adoption of EP ENVI report on the new CEAP**

- On Wednesday, 27 January, **the European Parliament's Environment Committee adopted its report on the new Circular Economy Action Plan**.
  - All compromise amendments to the draft report of Rapporteur MEP Huitema (Renew, NL) were adopted. For further information and the news from the Parliament see **here**.
  - For the entire EP folder that includes the voting results, and the other EP Committees' opinions see **here**.



- On the same day, **FEAD welcomed** the vote on the report by issuing a relevant Press Release, as mentioned in the *Communication* section above. In general, FEAD is satisfied with the positions expressed. Yet, we express our **concern** on some issues:
    - **Selective collection should not be harmonised at EU level.** Local and national considerations can be key drivers for success in finding the most adapted, efficient, environmentally, and economically sound collections systems, and for not impacting well-functioning existing systems;
    - The establishment of **targets to cap the generation of residual waste is not needed** if recycling targets are in place. Measures for tackling residual waste are sufficiently mentioned in the ENVI report;
    - The aim of “minimising the need for incineration” also raises concerns as **energy recovery from waste (R1 criterion) is a necessary treatment** of waste which cannot be recycled in an efficient ecological way.
  - We remind you that the EP Plenary vote will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February.
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## Press Review & Reports

- **New EEA report & briefings on plastics and the circular economy.**
  - The **European Environment Agency** has just published a new report entitled "**Plastics, the circular economy and Europe's environment — A priority for action**".
    - Plastics play an essential role in modern society, but also lead to significant impacts on the environment and climate. Reducing such impacts while retaining the usefulness of plastics requires a shift towards a more circular and sustainable plastics system. This report tells the story of plastics, and their effect on the

environment and climate, and looks at their place in a European circular economy.

- The EEA report points to **three pathways for the way ahead** including **smarter use of plastics, increased circularity, and use of renewable raw materials**. Together these can help ensure we achieve a sustainable and circular plastics system.
- Alongside the report, EEA published two relevant briefings:
  - "[A framework for enabling circular business models in Europe](#)"
  - "[Plastic in textiles: towards a circular economy for synthetic textiles in Europe](#)"
- **New Ellen MacArthur Foundation report on circular economy policy goals**
  - The **Ellen MacArthur Foundation** has just published a new report entitled "[Universal circular economy policy goals: enabling the transition to scale](#)".
    - The paper aims to create a common direction of travel in policy development for a faster transition to a circular economy. The new policy goals will enable governments and businesses to benefit from the circular economy, which offers solutions to key global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.
- **Waste Management World magazine**
  - Read the November/December 2020 Waste to Energy Special Edition [here](#).

## **Webinars & Conferences**

- **Brunswick Group and Europe Jacques Delors webinar with Frans Timmermans**
  - Launch event with European Commission Executive Vice President Frans Timmermans: "**Navigating the European Green Deal: How can businesses engage in the green transition?**"
    - 17 February 2021, 14:00 - 15:00 CET. Register [here](#).

- **FEICA Webinar - Review of the EU Construction Products Regulation (CPR)**
    - FEICA will hold a webinar on 25 February 2021 at 13:00 - 14:30 CET on the review of the EU Construction Products Regulation (CPR). Register [here](#).
  - **Euractiv webinar - EU 2050 Climate Targets: are they feasible and can they be achieved without stunting economic growth?**
    - The [webinar](#) was held on 3 December 2020. Watch the recording [here](#).
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## **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](mailto: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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