



FEAD BULLETIN N° 38 - 05 February 2021

Communication, Networking, and Future Events

- **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 - UPDATED LIST**:
 - **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
 - **Mr Ralf MITTERMAYR**, CEO, Saubermacher Dienstleistungs AG (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 just [published](#) a new initiative - Consultation on a **Draft Act on Fertilising products - technical update**.
 - New EU rules have been adopted to cover various types of fertilising products (inorganic, organo-mineral and organic fertilisers, growing media, plant biostimulants etc.). They ensure that only those fertilising products that meet the efficiency and safety requirements can be sold freely across the EU.
 - Regulation 2019/1009 will apply from 16 July 2022. Its updated technical annexes will help EU countries and industry apply the rules.
 - The main changes that we distinguish as involving the waste management sector are related to Annex II: **CMC 3**(compost) and **CMC 5** (digestate). Mainly CMCs 3 and 5 **exclude** from their input materials living or dead

organisms **from the organic fraction of mixed municipal household waste**. The objective of those provisions **is to encourage the separate collection of waste in municipalities**, by not providing opportunities for the use of mixed waste.

- Please, find [here](#) the **revised text of Annex II**, in word, with the changes highlighted in yellow, the Commission Delegated Regulation text **with all the proposed amendments** (also available in the EC website).
-  Please feel free to provide us **with your feedback on the proposed amendments by Friday the 19th of February 2021 COB**, so we can build up a FEAD reply to circulate to members (EC deadline for feedback is **16 March 2021** - midnight Brussels time).


- **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 **ASAP** (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).

- **2nd 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](#).
 - On 02 February, FEAD shared with them its **position paper on biodegradable and bio-based plastics** issued in September 2019.

- **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 **ASAP** (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.
 -  Please, find the **draft FEAD reply to the consultant's survey** [here](#) and the **draft FEAD reply to the EC questionnaire** [here](#). Please, note that most questions are similar, if not the same. Both replies will be discussed during the 09 February FEAD call.
- **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 consultations:**
 - On 02 February, [FEAD provided feedback](#) to the EC initiative - **Roadmap for an Eu Strategy for Sustainable Textiles**, which is published [here](#).
 - On 05 February, FEAD provided feedback to the EC initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on Climate change – updating the EU emissions trading system (ETS)**, which is published [here](#).
 - On 05 February, FEAD provided feedback to the EC initiative - **Public Consultation**


(questionnaire) on National emissions reduction targets (Effort Sharing Regulation) – review based on 2030 climate target plan, which is published [here](#).

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- Today, the 5th of February, EP ENVI Committee is voting to adopt its own-initiative report entitled "[Towards a WTO-compatible EU carbon border adjustment mechanism](#)", which addresses the creation of a carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) as proposed by the European Commission in its Communication on the European Green Deal.
 - This new mechanism would place a carbon price on imports of certain goods from outside the EU, in order to reduce the risk of 'carbon leakage' which would counteract Europe's efforts to become climate-neutral by 2050. The reports calls for the introduction of a CBAM as part of a broader Union industrial strategy, which should cover all imports of products and commodities covered by the EU ETS, including when embedded in intermediate or final products. It also addresses issues linked to the design and scope of a CBAM. The Commission plans to present its legislative proposal on the CBAM in the second quarter of the year.
- EP news - **How the EU wants to achieve a circular economy by 2050**. Read [here](#).

This week's focus: new plastic waste entries

-  [FEAD has prepared a consolidated paper](#) on the upcoming **Correspondents' guidelines on the new plastic waste entries** taking into account the comments received from your side and following the discussions in Sub-Committee Shipments and Committee 2. A few clarifications have been introduced with regards to the object-based methodology. As requested under the informal consultation process, the paper will be sent to the Commission today COB.

- With regards to the paper drafted by PlasticRecyclersEurope (PRE) circulated on Wednesday that we were asked to co-sign, we have deemed it as not aligning with the current FEAD message on the matter (especially with regards to “pre-treatment” and certification).
 - Please, continue to send us any updates on Member States’ position, as to follow the process in an integrated manner. We will keep you updated on how negotiations progress.
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Press Review & Reports

- New EEA briefing - Digital technologies will deliver more efficient waste management in Europe
 - On 03 February, the **European Environment Agency** published a briefing entitled "[Digital technologies will deliver more efficient waste management in Europe](#)": "Digitalisation is transforming the 21st century, affecting every area of daily life, including the environmental technology sector. Digital technologies will deliver more effective waste management regimes. They will allow Europe’s economy to recover more of the valuable materials present in waste streams, reducing the amounts of raw materials mined or imported and avoiding the associated environmental and climate impacts."
 - The briefing is based on the underpinning [report by the European Topic Centre on Waste and Materials in a Green Economy](#) (ETC/WMGE).
- **New EEA briefing - Designing safe and sustainable products requires a new approach for chemicals**
 - On 04 February, the **European Environment Agency** published a briefing entitled "[Designing safe and sustainable products requires a new approach for chemicals](#)": "The EU chemicals strategy for sustainability aims to ensure that chemicals are ‘produced and used in a way that maximises their contribution to society while avoiding harm to the planet and to current and future

generations' (EC, 2020). Building sustainability dimensions into products' design phase can support the delivery of these objectives. Key features of sustainable products include chemical safety, recyclability and a low environmental impact. This briefing describes approaches that are safe and sustainable by design and identifies enabling conditions, which support their uptake, and the related challenges and opportunities."

- **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**".

Webinars & Conferences

- **🔗 FNADE webinar - Agir pour le climat avec la gestion des déchets**
 - FEAD's French member FNADE will hold a webinar on how waste management acts for the climate.
 - Tuesday 2 March 2021, 09:00 - 11:30 CET. More information will follow.

- **🔗 ESA webinar - WHAT MEETING NET-ZERO MEANS FOR WASTE BUSINESSES**
 - FEAD's UK member ESA will hold a webinar on what it means for waste businesses to meet net-zero.
 - WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2021, 12:00 - 13:00 CET. Register [here](#).

- **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](#).

- **EPR Club second webinar - "EPR as an instrument to tackle microplastics pollution?"**
 - The [EPR Club](#) will hold the second part of the 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'](#). This part will be focused on EPR as policy instruments.
 - 24 February 2021, 14:00 - 16:00 CET. Register [here](#).

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.

For further information or enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the FEAD Secretariat at info@fead.be