



FEAD BULLETIN N° 40 - 19 February 2021

Communication, Networking, and Future Events

- **FEAD in EP Hearing on plastics**
 - 🗣️ On February 25, **FEAD's President**, Peter Kurth, will participate in a **Joint Public Hearing**, held by the European Parliament's **ENVI and PETI** Committees on the topic of "**Plastics and waste management in the circular economy**".
 - 📺 You can watch the **live streaming of the event** on the link that you will find [here](#). 25-02-2021 @ 14:15 CET.

- **FEAD Event on Batteries - 22 March 2021 - REGISTRATION OPEN**
 - **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)
 - **Mr 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 Tero HOLLÄNDER**, Head of Business Line Batteries Fortum (Finland)
 - **Mr Peter KURTH**, FEAD President
 - Wrap-up by **Ms Valérie PLAINEMAISON**, FEAD Secretary-General
 - Moderation by **Ms Claire DOOLE**.
- You can find the **agenda** of the event [here](#).



Batteries' recycling: energising the EU green transition



22 March, 14h00-16h00

Online conference



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Ongoing Surveys and Consultations


- **EC Consultation on Environmental crime – improving EU rules on environmental protection through criminal law:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - Consultation (public questionnaire) on **Environmental crime –**

improving EU rules on environmental protection through criminal law. (EC deadline for feedback is 03 May 2021 - midnight Brussels time).


- **FEAD web meeting on the revision of the IED:**
 - FEAD will organise a short meeting on the **revision of the Industrial Emission Directive**, to gather the main ideas and positions of members.
 - We propose to have it on the week 8-12 of March or on the 19th of March. Please, [fill in this doodle](#) in order to pick up the most suitable date for everyone.
 - You can find the blank version of the **questionnaire** received from the consultant Ricardo [here](#), just for you to have a look at the questions. We will share with you a FEAD draft version as soon as possible.



- **CPA Steering Committee:**
 - On 11 February, the Circular Plastics Alliance Steering Committee held a meeting.
 - Please find [here](#) the presentation by DG GROW in which they ask also for feedbacks:
 1. **Work progress of the CPA** (slide 3): agreed deadlines to share final draft deliverables with the European Commission for review and with externals
 2. **Discussion with Member States**, (slides 5-6) **for your comments by 25/2**: list of priority topics to discuss with Member States and proposed process
 3. **Dialogue with NGOs** (slides 8-12): **please signal your interest to be in the "contact group" that will liaise with NGOs before 25/2**
 - Point 3 is considered agreed (list of topics and proposed process for the dialogue with the NGOs), as the discussion at the Steering Committee has been based on the outcome of the side session of the CPA General Assembly which took place on 19/1 and was open to all interested signatories.
 - Please find [here](#) the presentation from the monitoring group.

- **Monitoring system of the CPA:** proposed methodology, list of remaining points to clarify, proposed scope and definition (including as regards the inclusion of pre-consumer waste cf. Presentation by DG GROW of 1 October, slides 12-15, at the Steering Committee on 1 October 2020). Presentation by the CPA Monitoring Working group attached.
- **EC Consultation on Fertilising products - technical update:**
 - The Commission has **published** an 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 on the EC website).
 - ⌚ Please provide us **with your feedback on the proposed amendments by ASAP**, 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 **by Wednesday, 24 February 2021** (EC deadline is approaching).
 - The **revisions** are highlighted in yellow in the text and can be summarized as:
 - methodology for the calculation and verification of recycled content has to be early developed
 - recycling efficiency targets and material recovery targets are very ambitious and totally depends upon the rules for calculation and verification
 - on calculation rules, a differentiated approach is needed regarding portable batteries and all other categories of batteries
 - include in the collection targets also batteries powering light means of transport
 - make removal of portable batteries depend upon end-users only
 - setting up colour coding for batteries in order to facilitate their sorting and collection
 - Please, find all the relevant documents (proposal for a regulation, annexes, impact assessment report, and Regulatory Scrutiny Board opinion) **[here](#)**.
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- **EC study on PVC:**
 - The European Commission (through the consultant Ramboll) has recently launched a “**study on the use of PVC (Poly Vinyl Chloride) in the context of a non-toxic environment**”.
 - The objective of this study is to identify and describe uncertainties, particularly under a chemicals angle, about **PVC production, recovery and end of life treatment**. A part of the study is dedicated to the **current status of PVC waste management and recycling in the EU**.
 - Within this context, they invited **FEAD** to an online focus group to discuss preliminary data findings and

considerations concerning the following topics:

- Mechanical recycling of PVC waste in the EU; Chemical recycling of PVC waste in the EU; (Co-mingled) collection of PVC waste; and Decontamination techniques for PVC waste.
- **The online focus group will take place on 04.03.2021, 09h00 – 13h00.**
-  If you are **interested in participating** in the online focus group, please, let us know **by the 23rd February 2021 COB, indicating your preference for one of the breakout sessions** dedicated to the topics listed above.
- **JRC study on Waste plastics - mechanical recycling, chemical recycling and energy recovery: seminar to launch data collection:**
 - The Joint Research Center has recently launched a study entitled “**Background data collection for waste plastic recycling**”. The goal of this study is to gather **life cycle inventory and economic data** for different (cascading) treatment routes of **waste plastics - mechanical recycling, chemical recycling and energy recovery** - as well as to establish a methodology to **calculate the actual recycling and/or recovery rates** for chemical recovery processes.
 - The outcome of this study will feed into work to be conducted by the JRC to assess different waste plastic treatment options from a life cycle, economic and technical perspective.
 - On **Thursday 4 March 2021, from 14h15 to 16h30 CET**, the JRC will organise an online **information session** to introduce the data collection project and explain how and why stakeholders should get involved. This information session will have the following agenda:
 - 14h15-14h30: Log in time/ connection try out
 - 14h30-14h45: Introduction and background of the study by the JRC
 - 14h45-15h45: Methodology, proposed pathways for study and stakeholder involvement by the contractor (AIMPLAS)

- 15h45-16h30: Questions and Answers
- FEAD will participate, and in case you are interested in attending as well, **please let us know as soon as possible** or write directly to Hans.SAVEYN@ec.europa.eu on behalf of your organisation. The deadline to confirm the attendance is the **25th of February**.
- **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).
- **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**.
 -  Please, find the **revised draft FEAD reply** to the two consultations **here**, based on the feedback received in the online meeting held on 09 February 2021.
- **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 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.**

- **EWG on the revision of the Basel Convention Annexes:**

- On 1- 3 February, the **meeting of the Experts Working group on the revision of the Basel Convention's annexes** was held. Please, find the minutes of the meeting [here](#).
- The last version of the [EWG recommendations paper](#) as of 3 February can be found here.
 - Comments can be sent to the Basel Convention Secretariat, **please provide us with comments before the 26th of February 2021** on the following issues:
 - the general issues and detailed proposals on the review of Annex I set out in the annex to document [UNEP/CHW/RA/RA_EWG.3/6](#);
 - the six general issues and the detailed proposals on the review of Annex III set out in the annex to document [UNEP/CHW/RA/RA_EWG.3/7](#);
 - on whether any additional constituents or characteristics in relation to plastic waste should be added to Annex I or III; and
 - on the [thought starter prepared by Canada](#) on the review of **Annex III** (hazardous characteristics) (attached).
 - Comments can be sent also **on the outcome of the February meeting** (possible recommendations for amendments to Annex IV and to entries A1180 and B1110).

- **Zero Pollution Action Plan - EC Workshop:**

- On 10 February, FEAD participated in the External Stakeholders Workshop on the preparation of the Zero Pollution Action Plan for air, water and soil, organised and

hosted by the European Commission. Please, find the [summary report here](#).

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- **Commission Webinars on Taxonomy (24-26 February 2021)**
 - The EC will hold a series of **webinars** on different aspects of the **EU Taxonomy**.
 - This is an opportunity for interested stakeholders to engage with the Commissions/Platform on Sustainable Finance on the topics of the webinars, which are the following:
 - Webinar on **enabling transition finance** – **24 February, 10h00-12h00**.
 - Webinar on **developing potential taxonomies beyond green activities** – **24 February, 13h30-15h00**.
 - Webinar on **data and corporate reporting** – **24 February, 15h30-17h30**.
 - Webinar on the **process of developing taxonomy criteria for the remaining four environmental objectives** – **26 February, 10h00-11h30**.
 - Webinar on **social taxonomy** – how might it look like – **26 February, 14h00-16h00**.
 - No registration to the meetings is required. All information to join the five live-streamed webinars can be [found here](#).

This week's focus: SIWG online meeting on POPs waste

- On 17 and 18 of February 2021, the online meetings of the **Small Intersessional Working Group of Basel Convention** were held.
 - Please, find [here](#) the **2 technical guidelines reflecting the agreements** (Pesticides and PFOS & PFOA), together with the **revised draft analysis of candidate POPs**.
 - On the General technical guidelines, there were no major changes done. The group agreed to keep the proposal from the African member on paragraph 341bis in brackets.

- This is the African proposal: [341bis “ Free use of such waste such as e.g., incineration ash leads to serious contamination of the food chain with PCDD/Fs(References); additional control of its management is thus essential. Wastes with levels of PCDD/Fs and DL PCBs below low POP content and above [0.05 ng WHO-TEQ/g] should be prohibited from use on soil surfaces without stabilization.”]
 - The South African member circulated 3 studies on dioxins to support their proposal, which I attach to the present email for your convenience.
- **Next steps:**
 - The office of the COP is discussing the possibilities of the COP meeting this year and next year. The proposal on the table is to have this year in July an online COP meeting with discussions only on **general issues**, like budget, and keep the **next year’s COP for the important issues** (like the revision of the technical annexes).
 - European Commission (Enrique Garcia John) reported that the **study on the low POPs limit** is being carried out in support of EU legislative process on POPs and particular limit value. The study is finished, not yet ready for publication, probably published in a couple of months. **The legislative process has started internally**, there will be a public Commission proposal for late June-early July 2021.
 - The study builds upon a previous study of Feb 2019. It focuses on **9 particular substances**, there are much more info on socio-economic aspects and a chapter on sampling and analysis
 - The SIWG **consultants will work with the Basel Secretariat to finalize the 3 guidelines for the COP**(which will be made available in the 6 UN languages) **and on the INF document with the draft analysis**. All documents will eventually be published on the [COP webpage](#).
 - It remains to be defined **when the group would have an online meeting on the low POP content values**. Most likely such an online meeting would be organised in the second part of 2021.

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**".
 - The briefing is based on the underpinning **report by the European Topic Centre on Waste and Materials in a Green Economy** (ETC/WMGE).

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](#).
- **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](#).
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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 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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