



## **FEAD BULLETIN N° 46 - 30 April 2021**

### **Corrigendum**

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### **Communication, Networking, and Future Events**

- **SAVE THE DATE: FEAD Event on zero-pollution ambition - 1 June 2021**
  - On **Tuesday 1 June**, 14:00 - 16:00 CEST, **FEAD** will host an online event entitled "**Waste Management: combining the circular economy with the zero-pollution ambition**", which is a registered **EU Green Week 2021 Partner Event**.
    - The FEAD webinar will focus on how waste management contributes to abate pollution, as well as on the problems that the sector is facing. The event will seek to illustrate: how the waste management sector provides sustainable solutions towards a zero-pollution ambition, how appropriate regulatory tools can foster the transition to more sustainable value chains and end-of-life treatment, and how we can combine circular economy (more recycling) with fighting pollution (re-injecting pollutants in the environment).
    - **More information [here](#). The link for registration will follow soon.**

# Waste Management: combining the circular economy with the zero-pollution ambition

Tuesday 1 June 2021, 14:00 - 16:00 CEST, Online





EU GREEN WEEK 2021 PARTNER EVENT



- **FEAD General Assembly**

- On Tuesday 27 April, FEAD held a successful General Assembly of its members:
  - **We welcome** our new member association from Bulgaria, **Bora** (Bulgarian Recovery and Recycling Association), the continuation of the membership of our UK colleagues, **ESA**, the newly elected members of the FEAD Board: **Mr. Piotr Manczarski (PIGO, Poland)**, and **Mr. Andreas Kawczik (DWMA, The Netherlands)**,


and our first affiliated members: **Suez (FR), Séché (FR), EEW Energy from Waste (DE), Buhck Umweltsservices (DE), Heinz (DE), Lobbe (DE), Nehlsen (DE).** We wish for a good collaboration among the FEAD team!

-  On April 28, following the General Assembly, [FEAD issued a Press Release](#) to inform our peers about the new developments in our association.
  -  FEAD's Press Release was featured on the news [here](#).
- **FEAD Press Release on the draft Taxonomy delegated act**
  -  On 21 April, the **College of Commissioners** reached a political agreement on the text of **the first Taxonomy Delegated Act (DA) on climate change mitigation and adaptation**. The Delegated Act will be formally adopted only once it has been translated into all EU languages at the end of May. Following the publication of the Act, [FEAD issued a Press Release](#) reacting to the text and expressing its disappointment that waste-to-energy is negatively portrayed as not contributing to the climate mitigation objectives.
    -  FEAD's Press Release was featured on the news [here](#) and [here](#).
- **FEAD meetings with MEPs on the proposed Regulation for Batteries**
  - FEAD continues its campaigning on the new proposed Regulation for Batteries and Waste Batteries. In the past two weeks, we have held more meetings with Members of the European Parliament and their staff. In particular, we met with **MEPs Ertug, Virkunnen, Solís Pérez, Fiocchi, and Angel, and the assistants of MEPs Kokkalis, Häusling, and Eickhout**.
  - Regarding the meeting on 20 April with **MEP Ertug** (S&D, DE), who is the Rapporteur for the TRAN Opinion, we participated in a mini-hearing the MEP held with multiple stakeholders, where we presented the FEAD position and

we had an opportunity to gather useful input concerning the positions of other sectors as well. Please find [here](#) the **notes** we took during that meeting.

- An important update on the Batteries dossier is that **ENVI** Committee (Rapporteur: Simona Bonafè, S&D, IT) has taken the **lead** at the European Parliament, leaving IMCO as Associated Committee together with ITRE and TRAN Committees. Please find [here](#) the **updated FEAD table on the batteries dossier**.


- **FEAD's Secretary-General on the news**

-  **FEAD's Secretary-General, Ms. Valerie Plainemaison**, spoke to the French online journal [CONTEXTE](#) about a possible ban on waste shipments outside of the EU. You can read the whole article in French [here](#).

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## Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Sustainable Products Initiative:**

- As one of the main deliverables of the Circular Economy Action Plan, the **Sustainable Products Initiative (SPI)** foresees the revision and extension of the scope of the Eco-design Directive together with other legislative or non-legislative proposals if needed. The legislative proposal can be expected by the end of the year (Q4 2021).
-  The Commission has [published](#) a new initiative - Public Consultation (questionnaire) on **Sustainable Products**. (EC deadline for feedback is 09 June 2021 - midnight Brussels time). **FEAD** has prepared a **draft response to the questionnaire** [here](#) and a **draft note with additional comments** to stress some aspects that are missing/should be further addressed in the process [here](#). Please send us your feedback on the two FEAD drafts **by 23 May 2021 COB**.
- A first workshop has been held on 15 April by the consultant **Trinomics** to jump-start consultations with

targeted stakeholders on a number of aspects of products' policies (see the slides [here](#)). In particular, the following workshops are foreseen (selected according to our interest):

- on **Digital Products' Passports**: 29 April 2021
- on the **Revision of Ecodesign rules**: 17 May 2021
- on the **assessment of the overall impact of economic and administrative impacts of the policy options**: 20 May 2021
- on the **development of the measures for monitoring and evaluation of the SPI implementation and for market surveillance and enforcement**: 27 May 2021.
- 📌 To participate in any of these webinars, please send your request to [spi-ia@trinomics.eu](mailto:spi-ia@trinomics.eu).

- **EC Consultation on the revision of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD):**

- The Commission has [published](#) a new initiative - Public Consultation (questionnaire) on the **revision of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD)**. FEAD will prepare a draft response to the questionnaire and share it with you for your feedback in the coming weeks. (EC deadline for feedback is 21 July 2021 - midnight Brussels time). Please find the questionnaire here and Inception Impact Assessment [here](#).
- The Commission held a stakeholder workshop on the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD) on 23 and 24 March 2021, during which the EC indicated to revise Articles 15 to 17 in order to improve the reporting on the implementation of the UWWTD. One of the presentations held was entitled "Reporting: preparation for reporting in 2022 and outlook to the future directive" and is available [here](#).

- **EC Consultation on the revision of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive:**

- The Commission has [published](#) an initiative **Roadmap** on the **revision of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive**. (EC deadline for feedback is 06 May 2021 - midnight





Brussels time). Please find the Combined Evaluation Roadmap / Inception Impact Assessment [here](#).

- **Draft SUP Directive Guidelines:**

- The European Commission has published an [updated draft of the Single-Use Plastics \(SUP\) Directive Guidelines](#), which should be approved by the Commission in the second half of May 2021.
  - Apparently, manufacturers have some concerns over the transposal and implementation date, which is set by July 2021, and are asking the EC to consider the deadline.
  - ✎ For our sector, we don't see any particular issue, but please send us your feedback as soon as possible, if you find any matter of concern.

- **Proposal for a Sustainable Batteries Regulation:**

- Concerning the Commission's proposal for the batteries and waste batteries regulation, we have prepared the following documents, for your feedback:
  - [Proposal for amendments](#) per article: a table with our proposal for amendment of the regulation,
  - [Remarks/comments on the Regulation](#): our comments with rationale directly in the proposal for a regulation,
  - [Side considerations on batteries](#) that cannot be tackled with this Regulation (i.e. waste codes/shipment): in this side document we cover issues related to batteries but that cannot be addressed in this regulation, for example, a proposal for new waste codes for batteries, the recognition of Lithium batteries as hazardous waste, the need for harmonized end-of-waste criteria, the need for a product passport and the improvement of rules for shipment.
- ✎ We kindly ask you to **carefully analyse our proposals** and give us **feedback by the end of next week, Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May COB**, in order for us to be able to send our proposals to the MEPs before they finish their work on the draft opinions/report.

- **Webinars on the Impact Assessment study of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive :**
    - **FEAD** has been invited to a series of **webinars** on the **Impact Assessment study of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD)**, where **Eunomia** will share the first results of the impact assessment.
    - Here is the list of the webinars to be organised:
      - 15th June afternoon - Compostable Packaging
      - 17th June morning - Recyclability1
      - 7th June afternoon - Underpinning measures Green Public Procurement, Enforcement, and Hazardousness
      - 18th June morning - Recycled Content
      - 23rd June morning - Waste prevention
      - 24th June morning - Reusable packaging
    -  The FEAD Secretariat will follow the webinars, but please **feel free to register for your own organisation [here](#)**. The **deadline for registration is the 7th of May**. Please find the description of the webinars [here](#).
  - **Mapping study for the development of sustainable-by-design criteria:**
    - The mapping study for the development of **sustainable-by-design criteria** has been published [here](#).
  - **FEAD survey on MS implementation of EU plastics tax:**
    -  Following a request from our Finnish member, YTP, on how the **EU Member States are implementing the new tax on plastic**, **FEAD** has decided to conduct a relevant **survey**. We are kindly asking you to provide us with your feedback about how your countries are implementing the plastic tax. Please, fill in your input [here](#) and send it back to us at your earliest convenience.
  - **FEAD provided feedback to consultations:**
    - On 30 April, [FEAD provided feedback](#) to Consultant Ricardo's [Targeted Stakeholder Survey on the Revision of the E-PRTR Regulation](#).
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## Monitoring of EU Institutions

### Life of EU institutions

- **EU Climate Law**
  - The European Council and the European Parliament reached an **agreement** on the proposal for the EU Climate Law in the trilogue of **20 April 2021**. The agreement sets a **55% net GHG emission target for 2030** and an **EU-wide climate neutrality target for 2050**, establishes a **European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change**, and foresees the use of a **GHG budget for setting the 2040 target**.
- **EU Taxonomy**
  - As expected, **the first Taxonomy delegated act on climate mitigation and adaptation activities was adopted on 21 April 2021** by the European Commission ([see here](#)). The Commission published also a relevant [Communication on Sustainable Finance](#). Compared to earlier drafts and leaks from the previous weeks, not much has changed in the text of the delegated act. We would like to flag to you the following element present in the adopted act:
    - Point 4.20 on **cogeneration of heat/cool and power from bioenergy** (p.103-[Annex I](#)) now reads (description of the activity): “*Construction and operation of installations used for cogeneration of heat/cool and power exclusively from biomass, biogas or bioliquids, and excluding cogeneration from blending of renewable fuels with biogas or bioliquids* (see Section 4.19 of this Annex)”. The wording in red is the added text in the now official version.
  - Regarding the process, MS and the European Parliament will now have 2 months (+2, if requested) to provide objections to the adoption of the act (if any). We are currently looking at sharing our draft on the waste-to-energy criteria with MS that are currently active in pushing for the inclusion of waste-to-energy.



- Just as a side note, the so-called “April sustainable finance package” also includes the revision of the non-financial reporting Directive – now called Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive. The latter includes, among others, new non-financial reporting and disclosure requirements. All information is available [here](#).

### **This week's focus: EU separate waste collection systems - Corrigendum**

- The EU's Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP) commits the Commission to investigate the rationale for harmonising separate waste collection systems. As a consequence, the EU Joint Research Center (JRC), the European Commission's in-house science and technology service, is currently conducting, on behalf of the Commission's DG Environment, a study on the **separate collection** of municipal waste.
  - The study will run until the **end of 2022** and will investigate **which parameters** could be considered to **harmonise separate municipal waste collection in the EU**, in order to improve the performance of waste management systems.
  - **On 19 May 2021 (morning)**, a virtual kick-off workshop will be held by the JRC, gathering concerned stakeholders. The aim of the meeting is to collect initial input and feedback on the issues to be considered in the study. The aspects that will be discussed will include “the identification and level of segregation of waste flows, collection logistics, downstream impacts (on sorting/recycling and the outcomes thereof) and necessary citizen involvement”.
  -  **FEAD** will participate in the online meeting. We were also in contact with the JRC and they accepted that any interested national associations can join the **virtual kick-off workshop on the separate collection of municipal waste, 19 May morning**, in addition to the FEAD participation. If your association is interested in participating, please write **by 12 May** to: [\*\*JRC-SEPARATE-WASTE-COLLECTION@ec.europa.eu\*\*](mailto:JRC-SEPARATE-WASTE-COLLECTION@ec.europa.eu).
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## Press Review & Reports

- **JRC - RMIS newsletter**
  - Please find [here](#) the fourth edition of the Raw Materials Information System (RMIS) newsletter published by the Commission.

## Webinars & Conferences

- **EBCD & EEB webinar - "Where are we with the implementation of the EU Waste Laws?"**
    - The EBCD, the EEB, and the European Parliament Intergroup on "Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development" held a webinar on the state-of-play of the implementation of EU Waste Laws, on 15 April. You can find the presentations of the speakers and watch the recording of the webinar [here](#).
  - **ESWET webinar on the Waste Incineration BREF**
    - On Friday 19 March, ESWET held a webinar on the Waste Incineration BREF. Please find the presentations of the event [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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