



FEAD BULLETIN N° 47 - 07 May 2021

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's Secretary-General guest speaker at EBCD event on the EU methane strategy.**
 - **FEAD's Secretary-General, Ms. Valerie Plainemaison,** will be a guest speaker at an online event organised by the EBCD and the European Parliament Intergroup on "Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development" on **25 May 2021, 12:00 – 13:45 CEST**, on the topic of the **EU methane strategy**. The event will be hosted by **MEP Spyraiki (EPP, Greece)** and is entitled "**Market-based**

measures for methane emissions' reduction: Challenges and opportunities ahead".


- Register [here](#).

- **FEAD Press Release on the updated EU Industrial Strategy**
 -  On 5 May, the European Commission [updated the EU Industrial Strategy](#) to reflect the post-covid era. [FEAD issued a Press Release](#) welcoming the revised strategy and reiterating some of our key messages and expectations stemming from it.
 -  FEAD's Press Release was featured on the news [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. This week we met with the **Assistants of MEPs Schieder (S&D, Austria), Sidi (S&D, Austria), and Danti(Renew, Italy)**.
 -  **UPDATED competences of EP Committees:** Please see [here](#) the updates on the competences of the European Parliament Committees (ENVI - Lead. IMCO, TRAN, ITRE - Associated) on the proposal for a Batteries' Regulation, based on the DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS (29 April 2021). *Please note that TRAN Committee's competences are still not specified.*
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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.
- **EC Consultation on the revision of the REACH Regulation:**
 - The Commission has **published** a new initiative - Roadmap for the **revision of the REACH Regulation**.
 - The European Green Deal sets out the ambition to reach zero pollution for a toxic-free environment. As part of this ambition, the chemicals strategy for sustainability announces actions to better protect people and the environment against hazardous chemicals and to encourage innovation to develop safe and sustainable alternatives. Achieving these goals requires revising the rules governing the registration, evaluation, authorisation, and restriction of chemicals in the EU.

-  FEAD has prepared a draft response to the roadmap [here](#). Please, send us your feedback **by the 25th of May COB** (EC deadline for feedback is 1 June 2021 - midnight Brussels time). Please find the Inception Impact Assessment [here](#).
- **EC Consultation on the revision of the CLP Regulation:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) a new initiative - **Roadmap for the Revision of the EU legislation on hazard classification, labelling and packaging of chemicals (CLP Regulation)**.
 - For the implementation of the Green Deal, the chemicals strategy for sustainability sets out a number of actions that require a targeted revision of the Regulation on the classification, labelling and packaging of chemical substances and mixtures. Various options for revision will be analysed in an impact assessment and, based on the results, the Commission will present legislative proposals for a revision of both the enacting terms of and the annexes to that Regulation.
 - FEAD will prepare a draft response to the roadmap and share it with you for your feedback in the coming days. (EC deadline for feedback is 1 June 2021 - midnight Brussels time). Please find the Inception Impact Assessment [here](#).
- **EC Consultation on the ecodesign and energy labelling working plan 2020-2024:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) a new initiative - **Roadmap for the ecodesign and energy labelling working plan 2020-2024**.
 - Ecodesign and energy labelling rules have been one of the EU's most effective tools in promoting energy efficiency, contributing around half of the energy savings target for 2020. In addition, ecodesign rules have started to address the more efficient use of materials in designing products. The 2020-2024 ecodesign and energy labelling working plan will set

priorities for the adoption of product-specific legislation in this field.

- FEAD will prepare a draft response to the roadmap and share it with you for your feedback in the coming days. (EC deadline for feedback is 2 June 2021 - midnight Brussels time). Please find the Roadmap [here](#).

- **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](#).

- **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.

- **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 TODAY**. Please find the description of the webinars [here](#).
 - **EUROSTAT study/data on EU waste exports:**
 - Eurostat has just published a study/data on waste exports (mostly volumes and streams): [Where does EU waste go?](#)
 - **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 provided feedback to consultations:**
 - On 3 May, [FEAD provided feedback](#) to the **EC Consultation - Questionnaire on Environmental crime – improving EU rules on environmental protection through criminal law**, published [here](#).
 - On 6 May, [FEAD provided feedback](#) to the **EC Roadmap on the revision of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive**, published [here](#).
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Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- **CARACAL Expert Group**
 - On Tuesday 4 May, FEAD participated in the CARACAL Experts Group meeting organised by the European Commission. Please find [here](#) the notes that we took and 2 relevant documents.

[This week's focus: CPA Steering Committee - Meeting of 4 May 2021](#)

- The Steering Committee of the Circular Plastics Alliance held a meeting on Tuesday 4 May 2021. FEAD participated in that meeting.
 - **[Agenda - Please find all documents described below here.](#)**
 - *Meeting from 9:30 to 11:30*
 - Introduction by the Chair, Stefano Soro, Head of the Green and Circular Economy unit, DG GROW
 - See the updated timeline in the PowerPoint Presentation by DG GROW
 - **Final drafts** to share with Member States
 - **Information note to Member States**, accompanying the documents
1. **Monitoring methodology**, Hervé Millet, PlasticsEurope, Chair of the Monitoring Working group
 - **Annex Z2 - Template Monitoring recyclers and converters_Traceability-Level-2**
 - **Annex Z1 - Template Monitoring recyclers and converters_Traceability-Level-1**
 - **Annex X1 - Audit Framework for recyclers and converters-5 May 2021**
 - **Guidance on waste definitions FINAL DRAFT**
 - **CPA Monitoring methodology- 5 MAY 21**
 2. **Report on the untapped potential and investment needs**, Presentation by Chaim Waibel, Plastics Recyclers Europe
 - **Untapped Potential Report -FINAL DRAFT**
 3. **Updated Design Work Plan**, Eugenio Longo, Borealis, Thematic coordinator for design
 - **Updated Design Work Plan -FINAL DRAFT**
 4. **Summary document on Standardisation**, [Presentation by Kristin Olofsson](#), Trioworld, Chair of the SRAHG on recycled plastics and plastics recycling in CEN-CENELEC
 - **Summary Standardisation -FINAL DRAFT**
 - **Annex: List of standards requested for creation or revision**

- **Discussion:** which key action or support does the CPA need from Member States?
 - Replies by the participants
 - **Next steps and timeline**
 - The next Steering Committee will take place on 8 or 9 July TBC, after the feedback from the Member States on the various documents has been received (Deadline for Member States: 7 July). See last slide in the [Presentation by DG GROW](#).
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Webinars & Conferences

- **EBCD & European Parliament Intergroup on "Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development" webinar - "Plastics pollution: Are biodegradable plastics a solution?"**
 - 16 June 2021, 13:00 – 15:00 CEST. Register [here](#).
 - **SAPEA & Royal Irish Academy webinar - "Biodegradable plastics: how do we engage with consumers and society?"**
 - 21 May 2021, 15:00 CEST. 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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