



## FEAD BULLETIN N° 53 - 15 October 2021

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### Communication, Networking and Future Events

- ESWET Panel discussion: waste to energy – the beauty and the beast
    - On 25<sup>th</sup> of October, FEAD's general secretary Valerie Plainemaison will participate as a speaker on the panel discussion. [Here](#) you can find the draft agenda. Register [here](#).
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### Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Fit for 55 Package:**
  - FEAD is preparing its feedback to the “Fit for 55 package” and would like to have your comments on the new definition of ‘efficient district heating and cooling system’ and the newly introduced concept of ‘sustainable biomass/biofuels’.
  - **Please provide us with any comments and/or proposals for a definition of ‘sustainable biomass/biofuels’ to be proposed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October.**
- **Policy framework on biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics:**
  - FEAD prepared a [draft reply](#) to the [roadmap for the policy framework on biobased, biodegradable, and](#)

**compostable plastics.**

- We are asking you to provide us with your feedback on the document in the next week, the **20th of October 2021 COB.**

• **General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER):**

- 6<sup>th</sup> October, the Commission has opened the public consultation on the **draft General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER).**
- It widens up the scope of existing provisions on aid for recycling and re-utilisation of waste, by also covering investment aid for other investments that aim at increasing the level of resource efficiency or contributing to the transition towards a circular economy.

• **Target Revision of the Regulation on CLP:**

- The Commission opened a **Public Consultation on the Targeted Revision of the Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (CLP) ([here](#)).**
- ✎ FEAD prepared a **draft response** and sent it to members. Please provide us with **your feedbacks by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October.**

• **End of Life Vehicles Directive revision:**

- The European Commission opened a survey on the End-of-Life Vehicles Directive revision **here**. The consultation closes on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.
- FEAD prepared a **draft response**. Please provide us with **your feedbacks by the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.**

• **FEAD provided feedback to consultations:**

- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021: FEAD provided feedback to the **Correspondent's Guidelines** No 12, expressing its concern especially over the fact that different contamination thresholds may apply in each Member State. The document will be available at the beginning of next week.

From the 11<sup>th</sup> of October until 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2021, FEAD participated in the **Fourth meeting of the expert working group on the review of Annexes I & III from the Basel Convention**, where it expressed the need for clarification of the differences between certain waste streams, especially those falling under Y10, Y45, Y48 and A3210. The report will be available in the next weeks.

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## **Monitoring of EU Institutions**

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- **Waste Framework Directive: Average Loss Rates**
  - 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021: the Council will officially request to extend the scrutiny period on the **delegated decision**.
  
- **Ship-generated Waste and Cargo Residues:**
  - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021: the Commission is expected to come forward with an implementing regulation laying down criteria to identify ships that reduce onboard waste or manage it sustainably and to reward them by reducing the waste fee they have to pay at EU ports.
  - The expected initiative is required by Article 8(5) of **Directive 2019/883**.
  
- **New Regulatory Framework for Batteries:**
  - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021: ENVI MEPs discussed the importance of strengthening sustainability, recyclability, and circularity, together with possible further restrictions on the presence of hazardous substances in batteries and provisions on due diligence in the Rapporteur's **draft Report** on the Commission's proposal on batteries.
  - ENVI Committee is provisionally expected to vote on the Committee Report in January 2022.
  
- **Waste Framework Directive:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021: While the Commission is expected to present a Report reviewing EU waste prevention measures by 2024, it will also come forward with a proposal for a Directive that would review [Directive \(EU\) 2018/851](#) (Waste Framework Directive) with an aim to improve waste management.
  - The expected Commission proposal for a Directive would review Directive (EU) 2018/851 on waste ensuring protection of human health and environment through the proper management of waste.
  - It is confirmed that the Commission will come forward with a proposal for a Directive the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023.
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## Press Review & Reports

- Carsten Wachholz, senior policy manager at the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, talks about the EU's upcoming reforms to packaging waste rules and why simply replacing plastic with paper is not a sustainable option.
    - Read the full interview [here](#).
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## Webinars & Conferences

- **Closed loop recycling in Europe: what helps and what hinders? – Wednesday, 27 October 2021 | 14:30 – 15:45 CET**
  - An EURACTIV Virtual Conference to discuss the policy initiatives and measures that can help or, on the contrary, hinder closed loop recycling of packaging in Europe.
  - If interested, you may [register here](#).
- **“Review” of the Concessions Directive online event – Monday, 15 November 2021 | 10:00 – 16:00 CET**
  - DG GROW is organising an online event about the “review” of the Concessions Directive. The meeting will start with a morning session (10:00 to 12:00) regarding the

implementation and functioning of the Concessions Directive. The afternoon session (14:30 to 16:00) will focus on the exclusion of the water sector from the Directive.

- More information, [here](#).
- If interested, you may [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](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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