



FEAD BULLETIN N° 55 - 29 October 2021

Communication, Networking and Future Events

- **ESWET Panel discussion: waste to energy – the beauty and the beast**
 - On 25th of October, FEAD's general secretary Valerie Plainemaison participated as a speaker on the panel discussion. [Here](#) you find the slides and recording.
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Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Amendment to Annex IV and V POP Regulation:**
 - The Commission has opened for feedback a [Proposal for a Regulation amending Annexes IV and V to Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants](#).
 - Please provide us with your feedback until 3rd December 2021.
- **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 and extended the deadline for feedback. Please provide us with **your feedbacks by the 5th of November**.
- **General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER):**
 - 6th 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 reutilisation 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.
 - FEAD has prepared a [draft response](#) and sent it to members. Please provide us with **your feedbacks by the 15th of November**.
- **FEAD provided feedback to consultations:**
 - 26th October 2021: FEAD provided a [reply](#) to the survey on the End of Life Vehicles Directive revision and [responses to the questionnaire](#).
 - 27th October 2021: FEAD provided [feedback to the roadmap for the policy framework on biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics](#).

FEAD attended the Ad-hoc meeting of the CAs for the REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) and CLP (Classification, Labelling and Packaging) Regulations (CARACAL) on Annex VIII and Online Sales, on the 27th of October 2021.

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- **Bio-based and Biodegradable or Compostable Plastics:**

- 27th October 2021: The Commission's public consultation on the roadmap on establishing a policy framework for bio-based plastics and biodegradable or compostable plastics closed.
- **Sustainable product initiative:**
 - 27th October 2021: Sustainable product initiative postponed to beginning 2022. Under discussion are especially specific criteria to be set product by product or the introduction of a digital product passport.
- **End-of-Life Vehicles & 3R Type-Approval:**
 - 27th October 2021: The public consultation on the revision of the Directive 2000/53/EC and Directive 2005/64/EC closed on the 26th of October. Based on the feedback, the Commission will finalise its proposal.
 - Stakeholder workshops are expected at the end of 2021.
- **Monitoring Framework for A Circular Economy II:**
 - 26th October 2021: The [minutes](#) of the Expert Group meeting on Sustainable Consumption and Production, held on 17 June 2021 and the [presentation](#) of the revised Monitoring Framework for a Circular Economy has been made available. A Communication with revised and new indicators for the Framework is expected by the end of 2021.
- **Single Use Plastics (Separate Collection Targets):**
 - 25th October 2021: EU rules ([Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2021/1752](#)) on the calculation, verification and reporting of data on the collection of single-use plastic beverage bottles entered into force.
- **Waste Framework Directive:**
 - 22nd October 2021: The Commission is expected to come forward with a proposal for a Directive revising, during the second quarter 2023.

- A 4-week public consultation on the roadmap and a 12-week public consultation is expected to be launched during the first half of 2022.
 - **methane-Strategy:**
 - 21st October 2021: The Parliament adopted a report on the methane-strategy. Devoted to methane emissions, among other things, from the waste sectors, the resolution lists measures expected by MEPs in the forthcoming revision of the waste (2023) and landfill (2024) directives.
 - **green state aid:**
 - 21st October 2021: MEPs adopted a **text** expressing the Parliament's position on the revision of the rules governing state aid in the environmental and climate change fields.
 - **Batteries Regulation:**
 - Renew and the Greens tabled more than 1250 amendments to ENVI's draft report on the batteries regulation – and other Groups did as well. The amendments are not available yet.
 - **DG ENVI:**
 - Reorganisation at the European Commission's DG Environment - The aim of this restructuring is to adapt the work of DG ENVI to the priorities of the Green Deal (circular economy, biodiversity and the fight against pollution). The new organisation chart will be in force from 1 January, after adoption by the College of Commissioners.
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Press Review & Reports

- 25th October: The European Environmental Bureau published a policy brief on prohibiting the destruction of Unsold goods which includes a list of measures it hopes will be included in the future Sustainable Products Initiative. It calls for the introduction of a legally binding "duty of care" for producers and retailers from

2022. And a ban on the destruction or disposal of unsold goods from 2023, both for new products and those returned by consumers. Read the full policy brief [here](#).

- 21st October: The United Nations Environment Programme published a report which warns about the use of bio sourced or biodegradable plastics. Read the full report [here](#).

Webinars & Conferences

- **Working towards a stronger circular economy – how much regulation is needed? – Tuesday, 09 November 2021 | 09:30 – 10:45 CET**
 - An EURACTIV Virtual Conference to discuss the EU's Circular Economy Action Plan and whether its new initiatives, such as the digital product passport, will achieve the transparency for products that policymakers are looking for. And how easy will it be for industry, big and small, to comply with?
 - 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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