



## FEAD BULLETIN N° 67 - 11 February 2022

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### Communication, Networking and Future Event

- FEADs general secretary Valerie Plainemaison gave an interview for politico about the Taxonomy Regulation and the inclusion of Waste-to-Energy plants. Read the full article [here](#).
- FEAD Biennial Conference & 40th Anniversary on 2nd June 2022, 10 - 12 at IFAT Munich
- Member events:
  - **VOEB** – Our Austrian member is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and annual conference from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Burg Schlaining, Burgenland. Find more information [here](#).

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### Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Revision of Regulation on mercury**
  - The European Commission opened a public consultation on the Revision of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury. The European Commission is concerning about the currently lack of efficient options for environmentally sound management of mercury containing waste in many importing

countries outside the EU, which leads to a contamination of land and water bodies.

- Please provide us with any comments related to this topic **by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022, COB.**

- **Biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics:**

- Regarding the public consultation questionnaire on a “Policy framework on biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics”, as announced, we prepared a preliminary draft.
- Please provide us with any comments **by 23 February 2022, COB.**

- **Basel Convention:**

- The co-chairs of the [EWG on the RA](#) (Experts Working Group on the revision of Annexes) have invited members and observers to provide [written feedback](#) on the possible amendments of Annexes I (Categories of waste to be controlled) and III (List of hazardous characteristics) of the Basel Convention by 28 February 2022.
- **Please provide us with any comments by 15 February 2022, COB.**

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## **Monitoring of EU Institutions**

### **Life of EU institutions**

- **EU ETS:**

- The European Parliament’s ENVI Committee published the draft report by Peter Liese, including municipal waste incineration from 2028 on. The deadline for tabling amendments is the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. The committee will vote for the amendments on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May and the plenary in June 2022.

- **European Commission:**

- The EU executive announced the appointment of Elisa Roller as director "for the dual transition economic and social affairs".
  - Plastic pollution:
    - The European Council published the **draft position**. For the Europeans, the resolution, which will establish an international negotiating committee and set its mandate, must aim for a "legally binding instrument/agreement" that "addresses plastic pollution". A "clear reference" to the "full life cycle of plastics" as well as to microplastics is expected in the mandate.
  - Persistent organic pollution (POPs):
    - Parliament rapporteur proposes to further tighten concentration limits for POPs in waste. In his draft report prepared on behalf of the ENVI Committee the MEP modifies the new limit values for several chemical substances. This is also the case for HBCDD and PBDEs.
  - Single-Use Plastic (Cups for Beverage and Food Containers):
    - Commission's new rules on the calculation, verification and reporting format on the reduction in the consumption of plastic cups and their covers/lids and food containers have been published in the EU Official Journal.
  - New Regulatory Framework for Batteries:
    - The European Parliament's ENVI Committee vote on 10<sup>th</sup> February for the **compromise amendments** and agreed with all of them. It increased collection targets, recovery targets, and slightly increased the batteries scope. The plenary will vote on the report on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
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- **ENDS – Battery firms concerned as MEPs demand tougher regulation**
    - Producers fear “over-regulation” could strangle a fledgling European rechargeable battery sector after the ENVI committee agreed proposed standards should be wider in scope, with more stringent rules on waste management and reporting.
    - Read the full article [here](#).
  - **EEA – Circular business models and smarter design can reduce environment and climate impacts from textiles**
    - European Environment Agency (EEA) published today two briefings that look at measures to reduce those impacts, including on resource use, greenhouse gas emissions and microplastic pollution.
    - Read the full article [here](#).
  - **ENDS – POPs in waste: Lead MEP to push for stricter limits**
    - The European Parliament’s rapporteur for revising EU limits on POPs in waste will propose strengthening the European Commission’s text and expanding its scope to include ‘forever chemical’ PFHxS.
    - Read the full article [here](#).
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## **Webinars & Conferences**

- **Conference on design solutions for a Circular Economy:**
  - Globe EU is organising an online event on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 16:00 CET. It will be about the Commission's Sustainable Product Policy Framework.
  - Register [here](#).
- **Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference 2022:**
  - The focus of the conference on 1 & 2 March is on “sustainable products for sustainable consumption” with a wide range on associations working towards circular economy.

- Register [here](#).
  - **Global Plastics Outlook: Economic Drivers, Environmental Impacts and Policy Options**
    - OECD will have an online webinar on the 22 February 2022 at 15:00 CET.
    - Find more information and the registration [here](#).
  - **Circular Plastic Alliance:**
    - The registration for the CPA general assembly on the 25 February 2022 is now open!
    - Find more information [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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