

FEAD BULLETIN N° 73 - 25 March 2022

Communication, Networking and Future Event

- FEAD Biennial Conference & 40th Anniversary on 2nd June 2022, 10 - 12 at IFAT Munich
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Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Draft FEAD position paper on the ETS revision (inclusion of waste incineration):**
 - According to the position agreed by the Board on 7 February, FEAD considers that a prior impact assessment should be a precondition for the inclusion and should reflect the best option to tackle CO2 emissions from municipal waste incineration in the long-term, considering both, climate and circular economy.
 - Please provide us with your feedback to the [draft FEAD position paper](#) by **Friday, 25 March 2022, COB.**

- **Draft ADR Multilateral Agreement on Paint residues**
 - The German representative at the Joint Meeting of the RID (Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail) Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods prepared a draft multilateral agreement on paint residues based on the discussions on documents 2022/15 and informal documents 18, 17 and 27 presented during the Joint Meeting spring session (you may find all documents [here](#)).
 - Please provide us with your feedback to the [proposed draft](#) by **Thursday, 31 March 2022, noon.**

- **Separate Waste Collection: citizen involvement and behavioural aspects**
 - FEAD participated to the meeting of the working sub-group 3 for the JRC study on the harmonisation of separate collection of municipal waste, on 'citizens awareness'.
 - Please provide us with your feedback, comments and especially supporting data or studies by filling in this [questionnaire](#) by **Friday, 1 April, COB.**

 - **Call for evidence on the certification of carbon removals:**
 - The Commission opened for feedback a [call for evidence](#) on the certification of carbon removals according to the Communication on Sustainable Carbon Cycles.
 - Please provide us with your feedback to the [draft FEAD answers](#) to the Commission's questionnaire by **Friday, 15 April 2022, COB.**

 - **Questionnaire on 'in-house' procurement:**
 - At the initiative of PIGO, we invite you to fill in this [questionnaire](#) on 'in-house' procurement by **Friday, 15 April 2022, COB.**
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Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- Public procurement
 - After ten long years of discussions, on 14 March the EU institutions finally agreed on the International Procurement Instrument (IPI). The European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council have reached a political agreement to give the EU greater leverage to get access to public procurement markets outside the EU, boosting opportunities for EU companies. See the Commission's press release [here](#).

- ADR

- The Joint Meeting welcomed on 16 March the proposals supported by FEAD ([INF.27](#)) to amend in Chapter 3.3 special provision 650 and to assign it also to UN No. 3082 to facilitate the carriage of waste consisting of water-based paints. It was discussed during the session, that the assignment of the totality of the content of a mixed loading to one UN number already implies that the total weight (of both UN numbers in this case) is mentioned in the transport document. The amendment will enter into force in 2025, so that it was agreed that the current multilateral agreement on this subject (M 343) will be updated or supplemented accordingly to cover the time until 2025.

- ETS:
 - On 21 March, a draft compromise on the EU ETS revision including municipal waste incineration was leaked. The inclusion date has been brought forward one year, to 2027, and hazardous waste incineration is left out of the scope. The European Commission would also analyse ‘the possibility of including other waste management processes, in particular methane and nitrogen emissions from landfills’. No agreement has been reached on this compromise basis yet and several meetings are still planned until the beginning of May to reach a general consensus on the revision of the ETS.

- Taxonomy
 - On Monday 28 March, the Platform on Sustainable Finance will publish its report on an extended environmental taxonomy (previously known as “significantly harmful” and “no significant impact / neutral” extensions). Building on this report, the Commission will prepare its own report describing the provisions that would be required for such an extension. A workshop is organised on the same date. If interested, please register [here](#).
 - On Wednesday 30 March, the Platform will publish its report on new criteria for all six Taxonomy objectives (previously known as Taxo4). This report includes recommendations to the Commission on future technical screening criteria for economic activities contributing to all six environmental

objectives of the Taxonomy (i.e. mitigation, adaptation, circular economy, water, pollution prevention, biodiversity). Building on this report, the Commission will prepare its own delegated act. A workshop is organised on the same date. If interested, please register [here](#).

- Regulation on Construction Products:
 - The European Commission is due to present the Regulation on Construction Products 30th of March.

- New regulatory framework for batteries:
 - On 17 March, the Council **adopted a general approach** on a proposal for a regulation to strengthen EU legislation on batteries and waste batteries. It positively converges with the European Parliament on some key points, such as levels and timing for the implementation of mandatory recycled contents, whereas it does not increase the levels of material recovery. Even though Member States show less ambition in the scope and the collection targets, FEAD expects the outcome of the trilogue negotiations starting now, to combine the best options from both sides.

- POPs
 - On 17 March, environment ministers endorsed the Council's mandate to negotiate an agreement with the European Parliament on a regulation that aims to further restrict the presence of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in waste according to the lower thresholds proposed by the Commission, i.e., 500 mg/kg for PBDE and HCDD (brominated flame retardants). The negotiating mandate was formally approved by the Permanent Representatives Committee (Coreper) on Friday 11 March. The European Parliament will vote in ENVI Committee on 31 March, and in Plenary on 2nd of May, on amendments lowering the thresholds up to 100 mg/kg after 5 years. After the meeting on Monday, 21 March, the provisional compromise at the Parliament seems to be in line with the amendments proposed by the rapporteur.

- The ECJ [confirmed on 16 March](#) the prohibition of a chemical substance when it hinders the recycling process. The court was asked to decide on the prohibition on the use of halogenated flame retardants in electronic display equipment (such as TV screens), which [entered into force on 1st March 2021](#) and was challenged by the industry association Bromine Science and Environmental Forum. The court justifies the means and objectives of the ban, namely to "improve the recycling rate of certain plastic components" through the Ecodesign Directive.
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Press Review & Reports

- **Recycling magazine - Global Waste Index 2022 released**
 - There are still major differences in the amount of waste generated in the world, and how it is disposed of. The Global Waste Index 2022 analyses the waste management efficiency of 38 countries worldwide and results in a ranking of the biggest waste polluters worldwide.
 - Read the full article [here](#).

 - **ENDS - Why debate over chemical recycling of plastic is heating up as packaging rules take shape**
 - ENDS Europe takes a look at an issue that has become the subject of heated debate as the European Commission prepares proposals to revise rules on packaging waste.
 - Read the full article [here](#).

 - **ENDS - Fast fashion model needs 'radical rethink'**
 - As the European Commission prepares to unveil a sustainable textiles strategy, campaigners have demanded EU action while warning it is vital to rethink the economic model underpinning the entire textile industry, from fashion to furniture.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
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Webinars & Conferences

- **Tensions on the review of Europe's Emissions Trading System**
 - Hosted by Politico on 28 March. More information [here](#).

 - **Taxonomy**
 - On 28 and 30 March, the Platform on Sustainable Finance is publishing its reports. Workshops are organised on the same dates. If interested, please register [here](#) and [here](#), respectively.

 - **Making greener products the norm in the EU?**
 - Hosted by Politico on 4 April. More information [here](#).

 - **Circularity of bottles: Contributing to the EU Green Deal**
 - Euractiv will have an online event on the 29 April 2022 at 09.30 CET, to discuss what's the best recipe for meeting circular economy and climate objectives and whether DRS are an efficient way to meet collection and recycling targets for EU natural mineral and spring water producers set in the EU's Single Use Plastics Directive.
 - Register [here](#).
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FEAD website - Reminder

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- **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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