



## FEAD BULLETIN N° 75 - 8 April 2022

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### 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

- **Commission's Sustainable Products Initiative:**
  - The Commission's Sustainable Products Initiative is now [open for feedback](#). The [draft Ecodesign Regulation](#) repeals the current Directive 2009/125/EC and empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts with ecodesign requirements for, or in relation to, products. According to the Communication, the extension of the Ecodesign framework (currently only for energy-related products) is to cover the broadest possible range of products, without mentioning any specific categories or priorities.
  - Please provide us with your feedback to the [draft FEAD feedback](#) to the Commission's questionnaire **by Friday, 15 May 2022, 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

- End-of-Waste:
  - The Commission choose plastics and textiles as the priority in development of EU end-of-waste criteria. Work on plastics will begin in the second quarter of 2022, with the aim of concluding the assessment in the first quarter of 2024.
- ESR Regulation:
  - The Council was send the [first proposal](#) to revise the ESR regulation to the 26 other delegations on 4 April.
  - The text regulates national GHG emissions from the building, road transport, part of agriculture and waste sectors.
- ECHA:
  - The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and Member States are proposing to restrict 34 bisphenols which are part of a group of 148 substances with similar characteristics that were screened. The 30 or so suspect compounds have "potential hormonal and reproductive toxicity", says Echa in a statement published on 6 April.
- State-Aid:

- The Commission plans to publish a communication on the right to challenge state-aid on environmental grounds by the end of 2022.
- Chemical recycling:
  - The **draft report** prepared by Commission experts to be presented and discussed with industry and NGO representatives was published on the 7 April. This document is intended to feed into the legislative work of the EU executive. In its **review** of existing recycling technologies and their environmental performance, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) notes that there is no "clear trend indicating that chemical recycling is more or less favourable than other plastic waste management options" such as mechanical recycling or energy recovery.
- Ozone Regulation:
  - The European Commission published on 5 April a **proposal to revise the regulation on ozone-depleting substances**.
- F-gas Regulation :
  - The European Commission published the **revision of the regulation** to reduce emissions of fluorinated gases. Brussels paves the way for a phase-out of sulphur hexafluoride in electrical equipment from 2031.
- TEN-E (Trans-European Networks for Energy) Regulation:
  - The European Parliament adopted the report on the TEN-E regulation governing the financing of energy infrastructure.
- IED:
  - The European Commission presented, on 5 April, its proposal for the **revision of the IED** directive on industrial emissions.
- New regulatory framework for batteries:
  - The first trilogue is provisionally expected to be held on 20 April 2022.

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## Press Review & Reports

- **Envirotec - New heights for CCS**
  - Danish researchers say they have demonstrated that it is possible to remove most of the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the emissions of a waste incinerator. By demonstrating the viability of the process, a key technology in the fight against climate change is surely awaiting deployment, they suggest.
  - Read the full article [here](#).
- **mrw - IPCC backs increased recycling, reuse and the circular economy**
  - The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has called for more recycling and extended producer responsibility schemes among its recommendations for averting environmental damage from carbon emissions.
  - Read the full article [here](#).
- **ENDS - IED: Industry baulks at proposed revision**
  - European Commission plans to beef up the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) have come under fire from Europe's big emitters, while environmental groups say the draft law contains significant weaknesses.
  - Read the full article [here](#).
- **Ellen McArthur Foundation – Flexible packaging: The urgent actions needed to deliver circular economy solutions**
  - This aim is to support organisations in achieving their circular economy for plastics goals by providing a practical direction forwards for flexible packaging.
  - Read the full article [here](#).

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## Webinars & Conferences

- **EU ETS: How to mitigate instability?**

- Euractiv will have an online event on the 27 April 2022 at 14.30 CET, to discuss the possible impacts of excessive speculation on the functioning of the EU ETS market.
  - Register [here](#).
  
  - **EU's packaging rules revamp: towards a more sustainable future?**
    - POLITICO will have an online event on the 10 Mai 2022 at 16.30 CET, to discuss how might the foreseen mandatory recycled content targets in the revised legislation impact different industry stakeholders through the value chain?
    - Register [here](#).
  
  - **Advancing the circularity of PS packaging**
    - RecyClass will have an online event on the 20 April 2022 to learn more about the developments within the PS market in Europe and the harmonised approach towards the recyclability of this type of packaging.
    - Register [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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