



FEAD BULLETIN N° 36 - 22 January 2021

Communication, Networking, and Future Events

- **FEAD Event on Batteries - 22 March 2021**
 - FEAD will hold a side event to the [EU Industry Days 2021](#) in partnership with the **European Commission**, on **22 March 2021, at 14h00 – 16h00 CET**, on the topic of **recycling of batteries**, in view of the new Regulation on sustainable batteries recently proposed by the European Commission (December 2020).
 - The event will be entitled "**Batteries' recycling: energising the EU green transition**" and will include the following **speakers**:
 - **Mr Jose RIZO MARTIN**, Senior Expert in the European Commission Directorate-General for the Environment, Directorate B, Circular Economy & Green Growth
 - **MEP Maria SPYRAKI**, Shadow-Rapporteur for the new Regulation on Sustainable Batteries, European Parliament – ITRE Committee (EPP, Greece)
 - **Dr Hartmut STAHL**, Senior Researcher, Oeko Institut
 - **DI Dr. mont. Astrid ARNBERGER**, Head of Research and Development, Leiter Forschung & Entwicklung (Austria)
 - **Mr Gerhard JOKIC**, Managing Director, REMONDIS Electrorecycling (Germany)
 - **Mr Alessandro DANESI**, Commercial Director of S.E.VAL Group (Italy)

- **Mr Peter KURTH**, FEAD President
- Q&A with the audience and wrap-up by **Ms Valérie PLAINEMAISON**, FEAD Secretary-General
- More information on the event and on the registration will follow soon! Make sure you check the [dedicated page of our website](#).





**Batteries' recycling:
energising the EU
green transition**

22 March, 14h00-16h00
Online conference

FEAD European Waste Management Association **EU INDUSTRY WEEK 2021**

Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **EC Consultation on Sustainable Textiles:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Roadmap for an Eu Strategy for Sustainable Textiles**.
 - [📌 FEAD has prepared a draft response](#). Please, send us your feedback by **27 January 2021 COB** (EC deadline for feedback is **02 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - Please, find the roadmap [here](#).
- **EC Consultation on Batteries:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) a new initiative - **Consultation on the Proposal for a Regulation on Batteries - modernising EU rules**.
 - [📌 FEAD has prepared a draft response](#). Please, send us your feedback by **05 February 2021 COB** (EC deadline for feedback is **11 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).

- Particularly we request your feedback on the **levels of recovered materials** (Annex XII Part C page 19 of the attached Regulation Annexes), which set **high levels of materials' recovery** by all recycling processes.
 - Please, find all the relevant documents (proposal for a regulation, annexes, impact assessment report, and Regulatory Scrutiny Board opinion) [here](#).
- **EC Consultation on ecodesign of mobile phones and tablets:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Roadmap for Designing Mobile Phones and Tablets to be Sustainable – Ecodesign**.
 -  [FEAD has prepared a draft response](#). Please, send us your feedback **by the 25th of January 2021 at noon (12:00 CET)** (EC deadline for feedback is **27 January 2021 - midnight Brussels time**).
 - Please, find the inception impact assessment [here](#).
- **EC Consultation on the Revision of the IED & of the E-PRTR:**
 - The Commission has published two initiatives - **Public Consultations (questionnaires) on the Revision of the [Industrial Emissions Directive](#) and of the [E-PRTR](#)**. (Please, note that while there are two different initiatives on the EC website, the consultation and the questionnaire are merged).
 -  [FEAD has prepared a draft response](#) to the common **EC Questionnaire**. Please, send us your feedback **by 01 March 2021 COB** (EC deadline is **23 March 2021 - midnight Brussels time**).
- **15th meeting of the IED Article 13 Forum - 25 January 2021:**
 - FEAD has been invited to the **15th meeting of the IED Article 13 Forum on 25 January 2021** which will take place online from **10:00 - 16.30 CET**.
 - The main objective of the meeting will be to obtain the Forum's opinion on the **Work Programme** for the exchange of information under the IED (see [here](#)).

- **EC Consultation on the EU ETS:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on Climate change – updating the EU emissions trading system (ETS).**
 - FEAD will prepare a draft response to the [EC Questionnaire](#) and we will share it with you for your feedback (EC deadline is **05 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).

- **EC Consultation on Effort Sharing Regulation:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on National emissions reduction targets (Effort Sharing Regulation) – review based on 2030 climate target plan.**
 - FEAD will prepare a draft response to the [EC Questionnaire](#) and we will share it with you for your feedback (EC deadline is **05 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).

- **EC Consultation on the Evaluation and Review of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive (EED):**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on the evaluation and review of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive (EED).** FEAD will provide feedback only if any members want us to do so. In any case, you can provide your separate responses (deadline for feedback is **09 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - For your convenience, please, find the Questionnaire, the Inception Impact Assessment, and FEAD's response to the corresponding Roadmap [here](#).

- **EC Consultation on the Review of the EU Renewable Energy Rules:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on the review of the EU renewable energy rules (REDII).** FEAD will provide feedback only if any members want us to do so. In any case, you can provide your separate


responses (deadline for feedback is **09 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).

- For your convenience, please, find the Questionnaire, the Inception Impact Assessment, and FEAD's response to the corresponding Roadmap [here](#).

- **EC Consultation on EU Action Plan Towards a Zero Pollution Ambition for air, water and soil:**

- The Commission has [published](#) an initiative **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on EU Action Plan Towards a Zero Pollution Ambition for air, water and soil**.
-  [FEAD has prepared a draft response to the questionnaire](#). Please, send us your comments **by the 5th of February 2021 COB** (EC deadline is **10 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - For your convenience, kindly find the roadmap and the FEAD reply to the roadmap (submitted in October 2020) [here](#).

- **EC Consultation on Sewage Sludge use in farming – evaluation:**

- The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on Sewage sludge use in farming – evaluation** (deadline for feedback is **05 March 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - For your convenience, please, find the Questionnaire, the Evaluation/Fitness Check Roadmap, and FEAD's response to the corresponding Roadmap [here](#).
- The Consultancy is also conducting a **survey targeting specific stakeholders on the sewage sludge directive** on behalf of the Commission. Please, find the survey [here](#).
-  **FEAD** will hold an online meeting on **09 February 2021 at 10:30 - 12:30 CET** to prepare a **common FEAD reply** for submission.

- **FEAD provided feedback to the Basel Convention EWG:**

- As an **observer** to the EWG on the review of the Basel annexes (RA-4), **FEAD will take part in the fourth meeting of the EWG on 1-3 February 2021**. The session will

resume from October's meeting and will continue the work on the review of Annex IV and the e-waste entries A 1180 and B1110 (Annex VIII and IX). The EWG is expected to exchange views on amendment proposals received from the EU and Ghana & Switzerland. In preparation of the meeting, parties have been asked to share views on 8 issues related to Annex IV.


- On 22 January 2021, **FEAD [provided feedback](#)** to the **Basel Convention Expert working group on the review of Annexes (EWG on RA)**.
- More information on the previous and upcoming meetings can be found [here](#).

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- The European Parliament's Environment Committee will hold an exchange of views with the Portuguese Minister of Environment and Climate Action, Mr João Pedro Matos Fernandes, during their committee meeting of **25 January**. The debate will focus on the **priorities of the Portuguese Council Presidency** for the next six months.

This week's focus: new Plastic Waste Entries

-  Following the publication of the delegated act implementing into the WSR the new Basel Convention amendments (22 December), **the new plastic waste entries have entered into force as of 1 January 2021**. The Commission, supporting the EU Correspondents' meeting, is currently working on a **non-binding guideline** to provide clarity on some terminology used in the amendments.
- FEAD had been asked to provide feedback on the matter in December 2020. The main issue identified is a **2% impurity threshold** to comply with the wording "almost free from contamination". The latter does not seem practicable for the

waste management and recycling industry and FEAD is actively engaging in discussions with members and European partners to **highlight the need for higher thresholds to ensure the proper functioning of the recycling market.**

- Some updates:
 - While a relatively small number of MS have internally agreed on the implementation of a 2% threshold (Austria, The Netherlands), most MS are still conducting national consultation with stakeholders to understand how to find a % that would better suit the proper functioning of markets. No agreement has been reached at this stage.
 - The Commission is mainly focused on a single threshold (not differentiated by flow) as of easier enforcement. It also seems that the Commission will further engage in consultations to understand how to find a suitable solution to the wording “almost free from contamination”.
 -  **FEAD is organising a Sub-Committee Shipments meeting on 26 January 2021**, at 14:30-15:30 CET, to discuss a common FEAD strategy on the issue. An e-invite will follow soon.

Press Review & Reports

- **EIB Group - Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability. OVERVIEW 2020**
 - The European Investment Bank Group has published the [Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability. OVERVIEW 2020.](#)
- **ZWE study on reusable packaging**
 - The civil society organization **Zero Waste Europe (ZWE)** published a new [study](#) (December 2020) entitled “**REUSABLE Vs SINGLE-USE PACKAGING: A review of environmental impacts**” and finding that **reusable packaging has 85% lower carbon emissions than single-use alternatives.**

Webinars & Conferences

- **EPR Club Conference on tackling microplastics pollution**
 - The **EPR Club** will hold a **two-part international conference "EPR as an instrument to tackle microplastics pollution?"**, organised in collaboration with the **European Parliament Intergroup on 'Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development'**. The first part of this interactive discussion will be aimed towards **problem setting and understanding of microplastics and potential measures to address it**. The second part will be focused on **EPR as policy instruments**.
 - First part: 27 January 2021, 14:00 - 16:00 CET. Register [here](#).
 - Second part: 24 February 2021, 14:00 - 16:00 CET. Register will follow soon.

 - **Euractiv webinar - Carbon-neutrality: How can the EU and China co-operate to lead global climate change efforts?**
 - January 28, 2021, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CET). Register [here](#).

 - **FEICA Webinar - Review of the EU Construction Products Regulation (CPR)**
 - FEICA will hold a webinar on 25 February 2021 at 13:00 - 14:30 CET on the review of the EU Construction Products Regulation (CPR). 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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