




## FEAD BULLETIN N° 43 - 19 March 2021

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### Communication, Networking, and Future Events

- **FEAD Press Release on the Council's Conclusions on the EU Chemicals Strategy.**
  -  On March 15, the Council of the European Union **adopted Conclusions** on the new EU chemicals strategy for a toxic-free environment. **FEAD issued a Press Release** welcoming the Conclusions and stressing that the use of harmful chemicals in the EU and imported products must be phased out to guarantee quality recycling and secondary raw materials.
    -  FEAD's Press Release was featured on the news **here**.
- **FEAD Press Release on the Council's preliminary remarks on the draft batteries regulation**
  -  On March 18, the Environment Council held a **first discussion** on the Commission's proposal for a batteries and waste batteries regulation. **FEAD issued a Press Release** welcoming the Council's first remarks and reiterating our support to the proposed Regulation.
    -  FEAD's Press Release was featured on the news **here**.
- **FEAD Event on Batteries - 22 March 2021 - SEE YOU THERE**
  - 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**".

- **Read more about the upcoming event [here](#).**
- If you are registered, but can't connect to the event on Monday, you should follow the following process:
  - Event URL [here](#).
  - Host: FEAD (first name) Secretariat (last name) ([info@fead.be](mailto:info@fead.be))
  - Event number (access code): 182 798 0725
  - Event password: MnJpG6mUP52



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

**22 March, 14h00-16h00**

Online conference



**REGISTER HERE**

- **FEAD Event on Waste-to-Energy - 12 April 2021 - Save-the-Date**
  - **SAVE THE DATE** for the new **FEAD** online event entitled "**Waste-to-Energy: an essential element for circularity**".
    - **Monday 12 April 2021 at 16:00-18:00 CET**
  - The event aims at showing that WtE is a crucial link in the whole waste management chain and that it is integral to the circular economy. It allows to move up waste treatments

pursuant to the Waste Hierarchy, as a key enabler to more recycling and a no-regret option for safe treatment of non-recyclable waste. It saves CO2 emissions by substituting fossil fuel for residual waste to produce heat and electricity. Speakers from the EU institutions and Member States, experts from the waste management sector, and stakeholders will debate on why and how future EU regulations, in particular the Taxonomy, should have a positive approach to Waste-to-Energy.

- **More information and a link for registration will follow soon.**



**ONLINE EVENT**

**WASTE-TO-ENERGY**

**an essential element for circularity**

**12 APRIL 2021, 16H00 - 18H00**



## **Ongoing Surveys and Consultations**

- **EC Consultation on Sustainable Products:**
  - The Commission has **published** a new initiative - Public Consultation (questionnaire) on **Sustainable Products**. (EC deadline for feedback is 09 June 2021 - midnight Brussels time). FEAD will prepare a draft response to the questionnaire and share it with you for your feedback in the coming weeks.
    - This initiative, which will revise the **Ecodesign Directive** and propose additional legislative measures

as appropriate, aims to make products placed on the EU market more sustainable.


- Consumers, the environment and the climate will benefit from products that are more durable, reusable, repairable, recyclable, and energy-efficient. The initiative will also address the presence of harmful chemicals in products such as electronics & ICT equipment, textiles, furniture, steel, cement & chemicals.

- **EC Consultation on Environmental crime – improving EU rules on environmental protection through criminal law:**

- The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - Public Consultation (questionnaire) on **Environmental crime – improving EU rules on environmental protection through criminal law**. (EC deadline for feedback is 03 May 2021 - midnight Brussels time).

- **Textile recycling technologies and recycled fibres - stakeholder survey:**

- The consultants VITO, Ecologic Institute EU, and CENTEXBEL were tasked by DG GROW to organise a study on the **Technical, Regulatory, Economic and Environmental Effectiveness of Textile Fibres Recycling**. The outcome of this study will help the Commission in formulating future policies and regulations to facilitate a **circular textile value chain**.


-  In order to improve the outcome of the study, they want our opinion on textile recycling technologies and recycled fibres. [FEAD has prepared a draft response to the survey](#). Please, send us your feedback by **Thursday, 25 March COB** at the latest.

- **FEAD survey on MS implementation of EU plastics tax:**

- Following a request from our Finnish member, YTP, on **how the EU Member States are implementing the new tax on plastic**, FEAD has decided to conduct a relevant **survey**. We are kindly asking you to provide us with your feedback about how your countries are implementing the plastic

tax. Please, fill in your input [here](#) and send it back to us at your earliest convenience.

- **EC Consultation on the Revision of the IED & of the E-PRTR & Consultant's stakeholders' questionnaire:**

- 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).
- The Consultancy **Ricardo** is also conducting on behalf of the Commission a [stakeholders' survey](#) and they have requested our feedback.
- On **Tuesday 9 March**, **FEAD** held an online meeting to discuss Members' positions on the two consultations on the **revision of the IED**. Please, find the **updated draft replies** to the [Commission survey](#) and to [Ricardo's survey](#). Please also find the [minutes of the meeting](#) and the [draft position paper of Business Europe](#) (mentioned during the meeting).
  -  Regarding the **consultant's (Ricardo) survey**, FEAD will hold a second online meeting on IED revision on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 11:00 -12:30 CET**, in order to discuss the existing issues and to continue with providing the common feedback to the consultant's survey (on GHG emissions and BREF cycles).

- **New EC study on WEEE:**

- The European Commission has published a new [Study on quality standards for the treatment of waste electrical and electronic equipment \(WEEE\)](#).

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## **Monitoring of EU Institutions**

**This week's focus: FEAD work in the Spring session of Joint Meeting on RID/ADR**

- FEAD has been actively involved in the **Spring session of the Joint Meeting on RID/ADR meeting (15-19 March)**. The document prepared by FEAD on **“the information on the quantity transported in the transport document”** and supported unanimously by the Member States, was **approved in this session**, with some minor changes.
  - A formal document had been submitted in December 2020, after being finalised during the informal working groups held with Member States in the Fall 2020 and subsequent comments received by Spain and Belgium.
  - The document aims at modifying the provision on “quantity in the transport document” in RID/ADR 5.4.1.1.1 (f) to address the issue of the impossibility of reporting the exact quantity (in specific cases). The document approved is available [here](#).
  - FEAD Sub-Committee ADR will continue the work on new and close-to-be finalised documents to be submitted to informal meetings with Member States.
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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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