

FEAD BULLETIN N° 49 - 17 September 2021

Communication, Networking and Future Events

- **Happy Birthday BDE:**
 - FEAD would like to congratulate the **BDE on its 60th anniversary.**



- **SAVE THE DATE: FEAD online workshop: "waste-to-energy activities under the Taxonomy Regulation" - 27 September 2021**
 - On **Monday the 27th of September**, 14 – 16:00 CEST, **FEAD** will host an online workshop entitled **“Eligibility of non-hazardous waste-to-energy activities under the Taxonomy Regulation”**.

- This workshop will initiate an open discussion with delegates from Member States, including relevant actors and stakeholders, to address the role of Waste-to-Energy in Taxonomy with regard to its eligibility as an essential activity for the circular economy.
- **More information [here](#). Link for [registration](#).**


 Online workshop

Eligibility of waste-to-energy activities under the Taxonomy Regulation


27 September 2021 | 14h00 - 16h00



- **FEAD ADR meeting**

-  On 23rd September 2021, 10 – 15:00 CEST. This meeting will be held in person and online. The group of experts will finalise pending working documents.

- **FEAD is recruiting a Technical Officer**

-  FEAD is recruiting a technical officer to work on environment and waste-related issues, to start ASAP. FEAD, offers the opportunity to work with a European trade association representing the waste and resource management industry. More information can be found [here](#).

Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **ECHA Database:**

- The European Chemicals Agency just published the [SCIP Database](#) dissemination portal related to substances of very

high concern in products.

- You can now access data from the database, and it will allow consumers to make more informed purchasing choices and help waste operators to develop the re-use and the recycling of materials.
- ✎ If you have any feedback on the database, **please provide FEAD with your comments**, to build up a common FEAD reaction.

- **Basel Convention:**

- After COP 15, The Basel Convention is seeking feedback on a number of documents which are listed [here](#). This list includes:
 - Development of guidelines for environmentally sound management
 - Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants
 - Technical guidelines on incineration on land and on specially engineered landfill
 - Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds
 - Technical guidelines for the identification and environmentally sound management of plastic wastes and for their disposal
- The UNEP documents can be found on the [Basel Convention website](#).

- **Carriage of certain waste containing asbestos:**

- In the context of the informal working group on the transport of hazardous waste that FEAD's organises with Member States of the ADR agreement, FEAD's Sub-Committee ADR is currently looking into **collecting information with regards to different national practices on carriage in bulk of certain waste containing asbestos**.
- ✎ FEAD kindly asks Committee 5 members if they can send information about this above standing topic **as soon as**

possible.

- **Target Revision of the Regulation on CLP:**

- The Commission opened a **Public Consultation on the Targeted Revision of the Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (CLP)** ([here](#)).
- ✎ FEAD prepared a [draft response](#) and sent it to members. Please provide us with **your feedbacks by the 22nd of October**.

- **End of Life Vehicles Directive revision:**

- The European Commission opened a survey on the End-of-Life Vehicles Directive revision [here](#). The consultation closes on the 26th of October.
- FEAD prepared a [draft response](#). Please provide us with **your feedbacks by the 16th of October 2021**.

- **End-of-Waste Criteria:**

- The Commission is expected to present a list of priority waste streams by the end of 2021. Once the list of candidates is drawn up, the Commission will start working on the specific criteria.
- FEAD prepared a [draft response](#) on the topic. FEAD has never discussed internally about the necessity of having harmonized end-of-waste criteria's, particularly the plastics ones, so we kindly ask you to provide your views.
- Please provide us with **your feedbacks by the 27th of September 2021**.
- In case the need for a meeting arises, we propose you the 28th September 2021. Please fill in the [doodle](#) in order to find the most suitable time for you.

- **On 14th & 15th September 2021 a JRC workshop on End-of-Waste criteria** took place to present the upcoming study. It was an informal meeting collecting views from stakeholders to

prioritise the waste streams. Interesting issues that arose during the meeting:

- In 2022 just one end of waste criteria will be finalised.
 - By 2024 another two or three end-of-waste criteria will be finalised. According to stakeholder opinions that were expressed during the meeting, plastic seems to be among the most interesting of waste streams, while paper seems to be one of the least interesting.
 - The JRC has urged for opinions to be sent through their survey (mentioned above).
- **JRC's "Assessment of the definition of recycling":**
 - FEAD prepared a **letter** and response to JRC's **survey** on "**Assessment of the definition of recycling**". The documents will be sent to the JRC next week, as the JRC deadline, initially foreseen for the 15th September, has been postponed to the 30th September.
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Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- On 15th September, the **annual Commissions President's State of the EU speech** took place. The Commission published a "**letter of intent**" with new key initiatives for 2022.
- There are several interesting initiatives upcoming within the EU Green Deal objective, such as a legislative proposal on carbon removal certification, a legislative proposal on the right to repair and a legislative proposal to reduce the release of microplastics in the environment and to restrict the addition of microplastics to products. In relation to the letter:
 - It's expected to also address the addition of microplastics to products.
 - The envisaged **public consultations** are likely to be delayed. FEAD will inform members as soon as they are available.

- **Bio-based and Biodegradable or Compostable Plastics**
 - The Commission's [presentation](#) on EU policies on biobased, biodegradable & compostable plastics is now available.
 - The Commission announced its intention to launch, in the near future, a consultation to clarify the role biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics can play to deliver for a carbon neutral and circular economy.
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Press Review & Reports

- **EPP picks rapporteurs for key Fit for 55 files** - The centre-right group in the Parliament (EPP) has appointed Peter Liese, its coordinator on the environment committee, as rapporteur for the all-important emissions trading system (ETS) file, which will cover the inclusion of the maritime sector and a separate system for road transport and buildings. Swedish lawmaker Jessica Polfjärd will be the rapporteur for the proposed reform of the Effort Sharing Regulation, which covers the emissions cuts required by sectors outside of the ETS. Please find [here](#) the full article.
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Webinars & Conferences

- **Responsible sourcing: The case of batteries** - Friday, 1 October 2021 | 09:30 – 10:45 CET
 - EURACTIV Virtual Conference will discuss sustainable governance, responsible sourcing, and the importance of due diligence in the battery supply chain
 - If interested, you may [REGISTER HERE](#).
- **EPR+: Mandatory and voluntary mechanisms for financing the circular economy for plastics and packaging** - Online - 21 September 2021 - 11.00 - 12.00am CEST
 - PREVENT Waste Alliance and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation organized a workshop for a panel discussion on

financing mechanisms to support a circular economy for plastics and packaging.

- If interested, you may register [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 if you forgot it)
- **Go to “Active Files” and here you have access to all files followed by FEAD Secretariat. We keep it updated!**
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