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Communication, Networking and Future Event

- FEAD Biennial Conference & 40th Anniversary on 2nd June 2022, 10 - 12 at IFAT Munich
 - Member events:
 - **VOEB** – Our Austrian member is celebrating their 40th anniversary and annual conference from 23rd to 25th June 2022 at Burg Schlaining, Burgenland. Find more information [here](#).
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Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Basel Convention:**
 - The co-chairs of the [EWG on the RA](#) (Experts Working Group on the revision of Annexes) have invited members and observers to provide [written feedback](#) on the possible amendments of Annexes I (Categories of waste to be controlled) and III (List of hazardous characteristics) of the Basel Convention by 28 February 2022.
 - **Please provide us with any comments by 15 February 2022, COB.**
- **Revision of EU waste framework Directive**

- The European Commission opened a call of evidence to develop the revision of the Waste Framework Directive. The Commission will draft an impact assessment report based on several technical studies and a study to set out the options and assess their impacts. A 12-week open public consultation is planned for March 2022.
 - Please provide us with any comments **by Friday 11 February 2022, COB.**

 - **Biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics:**
 - Regarding the public consultation questionnaire on a “Policy framework on biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics”, as announced, we prepared a preliminary draft.
 - Please provide us with any comments **by 23 February 2022, COB.**
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Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism:
 - ENVI and ITRE Committee discussed their report on the CBAM on 2 February. MEPs argued for a drastic acceleration in the rate of reduction of free allowances on the carbon market.

- New Regulatory Framework for Batteries:
 - In the EU Council, France is focusing discussions and wants to reach a position of 27 MS at the meeting of EU environment ministers on 17 March 2022.
 - EU executive has identified a series of areas where European standards are urgently needed, including the recycling of critical raw materials. These priorities are highlighted in the standardisation strategy from the 2 February.

- Waste Shipment Regulation:

- The Council experts are scheduled to further examine the Commission's proposal on new rules on EU waste shipments and the French Presidency documents (not yet available) in the coming days.
 - MEP Pernille Weiss to issue her report on WSR at European Parliament begin April. Vote in Plenary scheduled in November 2022.
 - Critical Raw Materials: Action Plan
 - Industry and the Internal Market Ministers agreed to consider further means of funding to secure the supply of critical raw materials in their discussion of the Commission's Action Plan on critical raw materials over the next six months.
 - EU Standardisation Request: Recycled Plastics
 - The Commission is expected to request standards on the recyclability of plastics products.
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Press Review & Reports

- **ENDS – Interview: What to expect from the circular economy package**
 - With the European Commission set to publish a draft of circular economy proposals in March, ECOS' Justin Wilkes tells ENDS Europe why officials must focus their efforts on 'designing in' sustainability, and why the solution for e-waste lies with producers not consumers.
 - Read the full interview [here](#).
- **ENDS – EU urged to curb industry influence over standards for recycled plastics**
 - The European Commission should withdraw a draft request for a set of voluntary standards on plastics and plastics recycling, campaigners argue citing the "questionable and opaque" role of an industry platform set up by the EU executive itself.

- Read the full article [here](#).
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Webinars & Conferences

- **Circular Plastic Alliance:**
 - The registration for the CPA general assembly on the 25 February 2022 is now open!
 - Find more information [here](#).
 - **Businesseurope – The future of the ETS and industrial competitiveness in Europe – Wednesday 9th of February 2022, 16:00 – 17:00 CET**
 - With the reform of the ETS fully under way, the questions many in industry are asking are: How can the increased ambition be implemented without undermining the business cases for European companies?
 - Register [here](#).
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