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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 – Circular Economy Summit Austria on 22nd of March. Find more information [here](#).
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Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Revision of REACH Regulation:**
 - The European Commission opened a public consultation questionnaire on the Revision of REACH Regulation to help achieve a toxic-free environment. FEAD prepared [draft feedback](#).
 - Please provide us with your feedback and any comment **by 3rd March COB**.
- **Revision of Regulation on mercury:**
 - the European Commission opened a public consultation on the Revision of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury. The European Commission is concerning about the currently lack of efficient options for environmentally sound management of mercury containing waste in many importing

countries outside the EU, which leads to a contamination of land and water bodies.

- Please provide us with any comments related to this topic **by Friday 11th March 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.**

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- Renewable Energy Directive:
 - In the draft report on the revision of this [legislation](#), by Markus Pieper (Germany, EPP), waste incineration eligible for support schemes for renewable energy production (from solid biomass fuels) without condition up to 20 MW (EC proposal put a threshold of 5 MW for complying with sustainability criteria and criteria related to CO2 savings).
- REACH:
 - In the report on the fight against cancer, several MEPs call for the strengthening of REACH to "enable the identification of all carcinogenic substances manufactured or imported, regardless of their volume", in line with the EU chemicals strategy.
- Single-use plastics Directive:
 - The European Commission adopted on 7 February an implementing act clarifying article 4 of the Single-Use Plastics Directive, which provides for consumption reduction measures for single-use plastic cups and food containers. Member States are free to choose how to measure

consumption reduction of single-use plastics.

- Environmental claims:
 - Future EU regulation on environmental claims is postponed to July 2022. The executive has not yet decided whether a single methodology will be recommended to companies to substantiate their claims or whether they will have several alternatives.

 - POPs:
 - The European Parliament's Rapporteur proposes stricter limits for the substances under the proposal for a Regulation amending Annexes IV and V to the POPs Regulation. The deadline to submit amendments is set for 8 March 2022. The ENVI Committee is scheduled to vote on the draft Report and amendments to it on 31 March 2022. The vote on the Report in plenary is provisionally scheduled for 2 May 2022.

 - Sewage Sludge Directive:
 - The JRC is provisionally expected to present the results of its study on sewage sludge, which would feed into the potential Revision of Directive, at the end of the first semester of 2022.

 - WEEE Directive:
 - The Commission is expected to present a Report assessing the implementation of WEEE over the 2019-2021 period. There are required to present an Implementation report every three years by Article 16(5) of Directive 2012/19/EU.

 - Ship Recycling:
 - The Commission is expected to adopt a **draft Implementing Decision** amending EU rules establishing a European List of ship recycling facilities.
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Press Review & Reports

- **Eunomia – Targets for Plastic Recycled Content in Packaging**
 - Eunomia is investigating on behalf of the EU Commission the possible introduction of recycled content targets for plastic packaging. This work is to support the Commission's Impact Assessment submission to the update on the PPWD.
 - Read the full report [here](#).
 - **ENDS - Member states agree to class resorcinol as substance of very high concern**
 - A widely used ingredient in acne medication, hair dyes and flame retardants will be listed as a substance of very high concern (SVHC) because of its effects on the endocrine system, member states have agreed.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
 - 183 scientists support a global, legally binding treaty on plastic pollution. Read the full statement released on 16th of February [here](#).
 - **RecyClass – Recyclability of Polystyrene packaging can now be tested**
 - RecyClass published a new recyclability evaluation protocol. This protocol is destined for companies who want to assess if their rigid PS packaging, like pots destined for yogurt and other types of food and beverage products, is compatible with the state-of-the-art post-consumer recycling in Europe.
 - Read the full article [here](#).
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Webinars & Conferences

- **Webinar series on the EU's new chemicals strategy for sustainability**
 - EPPA/ DEKRA organising an online event on 23rd February 2022 at 15.00 CET. The first webinar of the series will be

about the REACH Review.

- Register [here](#).

- **Conference on design solutions for a Circular Economy:**

- Globe EU is organising an online event on 28th February 2022 at 16:00 CET. It will be about the Commission's Sustainable Product Policy Framework.
- Register [here](#).

- **Circularity of bottles: Contributing to the EU Green Deal**

- Euractiv will have an online event on the 15 March 2022 at 14.30 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](#).

- **Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference 2022:**

- The focus of the conference on 1 & 2 March is on "sustainable products for sustainable consumption" with a wide range on associations working towards circular economy.
- Register [here](#).

- **Global Plastics Outlook: Economic Drivers, Environmental Impacts and Policy Options**

- OECD will have an online webinar on the 22 February 2022 at 15:00 CET.
- Find more information and the registration [here](#).

- **Circular Plastic Alliance:**

- The registration for the CPA general assembly on the 25 February 2022 is now open!
 - Find more information [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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