

FEAD BULLETIN N° 48 - 10 September 2021

Communication, Networking, and Future Events

- <u>SAVE THE DATE: FEAD online workshop: "waste-to-energy</u> 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 Wasteto-Energy in Taxonomy with regard to its eligibility as an essential activity for the circular economy.
 - More information <u>here</u>. Link for <u>registration</u>.



Eligibility of waste-toenergy activities under the Taxonomy Regulation

27 September 2021 | 14h00 - 16h00





• FEAD Press Release on the "Fit for 55" package

On the 14th July, the European Commission adopted the "Fit for 55" package and FEAD <u>issued a Press</u>
 <u>Release</u>welcoming the proposals. In short, the package aims to make the EU "fit for 55" and deliver upon its promise to achieve a fair, competitive, and green transformation.

• FEAD Joint Position paper on the "Extended producer responsibility (EPR) for the textile value chain"

On 3rd August, FEAD issued a joined position paper, committed to accelerate circularity in the textiles, apparel, and footwear value chain (hereinafter referred to as 'textile value chain') by changing how textiles are produced, used and recirculated into new material, as well as to contribute to attain the sustainability goals of the European Green Deal and the EU's Circular Economy Action Plan

• FEAD new Team member

 FEAD welcomes Anne-Kathrin Kappler as the new policy & communication trainee in our team. For the last 3 years she has studied Hazard Control and wrote her bachelor thesis on Recycling from Lithium-Ion Batteries and analysed the hazardous effects on the environment and workers.

Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

<u>Carriage of certain waste containing asbestos:</u>

- 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.
- SFEAD kindly asks Committee 5 members if they can send information about this above standing topic as soon as possible.
- <u>Target Revision of the Regulation on CLP:</u>
 - The Commission opened a Public Consultation on the Targeted Revision of the Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (CLP) (here).
 - SFEAD prepared a <u>draft response</u> 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 <u>here</u>. The consultation closes on the 26th of October.
- FEAD prepared a <u>draft response</u>. Please provide us with your feedbacks by the 16th of October 2021.

• End-of-Waste Criteria:

- On 5 July the Commission discussed the possibility to develop further end-of-waste (EoW) criteria with Member State experts of the Expert Group on Waste. The summary record of the meeting is now available <u>here</u>. The development of EU-wide end-of-waste criteria was laid down in the newly adopted Circular Economy Action Plan.
- 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 is preparing a response to the survey to send to JRC
 by 6th October 2021, it will soon be sent to members for approval.
- **FEAD** sent on the **26th August 2021** to JRC a list of experts to work on the following groups of Separate Waste Collection:
 - Group 0: Cross-cutting/ transversal issues
 - Group 1: Waste collection logistics
 - Group 2: Instruments for dry recyclables
 - Group 3: Citizen awareness
- JRC Workshop from 22 June 2021:
 - On 22 June, FEAD participated the workshop: "Assessment of the definition of recycling". Here you can find the <u>slides</u>and the <u>background paper</u>.
 - In this context FEAD prepared a <u>draft FEAD letter</u> to be sent to JRC on the definition of recycling together with a <u>draft reply to JRC's survey</u>

FEAD provided feedback to consultations:

- 09th August 2021: FEAD provided feedback to DG GROW survey on <u>"Technical, Regulatory, Economic and</u> <u>Environmental Effectiveness of Textile Fibres</u> <u>Recycling".</u>
- 03rd August 2021: FEAD provided feedback to <u>EU Public</u> consultation on potential measures for regulating the <u>environmental impact of mobile phones and tablets</u>.
- 03rd August 2021: FEAD provided feedback to <u>EU Public</u> <u>Consultation on the EU Strategy for Sustainable</u> <u>Textiles.</u>
- 02nd August 2021: FEAD provided feedback on <u>the draft</u>
 <u>Climate, Energy and Environment State Aid Guidelines.</u>
- On 6th September 2021: FEAD provided feedback on the Sustainable Platform report on an "<u>extended Taxonomy</u>".

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

Waste Shipment Regulation

- On 1 September, the Commission indicated to MEPs its intention to adopt the proposal in late October 2021.
- The possible Commission initiative would revise Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 setting out EU rules on shipments of waste to better integrate a single market for secondary raw materials and reduce exports of waste.

Waste Framework Directive

- On 31 August, The Commission adopted the delegated decision supplementing Directive 2008/98/EC as regards rules for the calculation and verification of the weight of materials or substances removed after sorting operation and not subsequently recycled, based on <u>average loss rates</u> for sorted waste.
- EP and the Council have 2 months to oppose or accept the text (if any).

Critical Raw Materials Action Plan

- The<u>Action Plan</u> looked how to strengthen crucial markets in a sustainable way for e-mobility, batteries or renewable energies. It warns that the planned transition to climate neutrality can replace reliance on fossil fuels with one on raw materials.
- The EP is expected to adopt its response to the Commission's Critical Raw Materials Action Plan (CRM) in the plenary vote from 22-25 November 2021.

• EU Standardisation Request: Batteries

 Member States Experts have until 24th September to vote on the <u>final draft Implementing Decision</u>, on a standardization request on batteries. The European Standardisation Organisations would then have 4 years to draft the standards in regards to performance, safety, and sustainable requirements for batteries.

Bio-based and Biodegradable or Compostable Plastics

- On 9th September, the Civil Dialogue Group (CDG) on Arable Crops met to discuss the policy framework for biobased plastics, biodegradable or compostable plastics and Comparative Life Cycle Assessment of Alternative Feedstock. <u>Here</u> you can find the agenda.
- The Commission is expected to present the initiative by end of 2021.

Critical Raw Materials (Fourth Review)

 The Commission Communication on the list of Raw Materials for EU is expected by 2023. They will continue to monitoring helium and nickel.

Webinars & Conferences

- JCR online workshop study presentation:
 - The DG Envi and the JRC are carrying out a study on "Scoping and developing further end-of-waste (EoW) and by-product (BP) criteria", within the context of the Circular Economy Action Plan 2.0.
 - The JRC will hold an online workshop to present the study and discuss the priority list of waste and materials streams, on 14 & 15 September. (<u>study</u>, <u>agenda</u> and <u>briefing</u> <u>paper</u>)

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