

FEAD BULLETIN N° 51 - 01 October 2021

Communication, Networking and Future Events

- Announcement:
 - We are happy to announce the date of our next FEAD Biennal Conference. It will take place on the 2nd of June 2022, at IFAT. We also looking forward to celebrating our 40th Birthday at the FEAD Biennal Conference.
- On 27th of September, FEAD hosted an online workshop entitled "Eligibility of non-hazardous waste-to-energy activities under the Taxonomy Regulation". We would like to thank all the participants and especially the speakers.
- On 28th of September, FEAD published a position paper and submitted its <u>feedback</u> to the <u>preliminary technical screening</u> <u>criteria for the EU taxonomy (2nd Delegated Act)</u> and insisted on the inclusion of WtE from residual, non-hazardous waste, under defined conditions, amongst the environmentally sustainable activities as it contributes to the achievement of the EU Taxonomy objectives.
 - Position paper available <u>here</u>.

Basel Convention:

- After COP 15, The Basel Convention is seeking feedback on a number of documents which are listed <u>here</u>. 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 <u>Basel</u>
 Convention website.

• 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 <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

- 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 <u>draft response</u> 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.
- The initial deadline has been extended to 10th of October 2021. Please provide us with your feedbacks by the 4th of October 2021 COB.

• FEAD provided feedback to consultations:

- 27th September 2021: FEAD provided feedback to <u>"Assessment of the definition of recycling"</u>.
- 24th September 2021: FEAD provided feedback to "<u>Call for</u> feedback by the <u>Platform on Sustainable Finance on</u> preliminary recommendations for technical screening criteria for the <u>EU taxonomy related to the Second Delegated Act</u>".
- On the 30th of September 2021 FEAD participate the Ad-hoc CARACAL meeting on CLP PMT/vPvM and PBT/vPvB. Here you can find the minutes FEAD prepared and the agenda of the meeting.

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

• Bio-based and Biodegradable or Compostable Plastics:

 30th of September, the European Commission launched a <u>4-</u> <u>week public consultation</u> on the <u>Roadmap</u> for the establishment of the policy framework. Stakeholders have until the 27th of October to submit their feedback.

• New Regulatory Framework for Batteries:

 29th of September, ITRE (European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy) adopted its opinion on the Commission's proposal. The lead Committee ENVI is scheduled to hold an exchange of views on the 11th of October 2021.

• Critical Raw Materials:

 29th of September, ITRE (European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy) adopted its Report on the Commission's Critical Raw Materials <u>Action Plan</u> which has been submitted to the European Parliament and the Council for examination.

• Sewage Sludge Directive:

- 28th of September, the European Commission closed the public consultation on the <u>draft Implementing</u>
 <u>Decision</u>updating the format of reporting on Council Directive 86/278/EEC.
- On the 24th of September, the circular plastics alliance steering committee took place with following presentations and topics:
 - Publication and Communication, Presentation by DG GROW, slides 4-10
 - Untapped potential report (the 'roadmap'): update and next steps. <u>Presentation by Chaim Waibel</u>, Plastics Recyclers Europe, and <u>Presentation by Henk Pool</u>, CEFIC
 - <u>Design Work Plan: update</u>, Presentation by Eugenio Longo, Borealis
 - Monitoring System: Timeline for implementation,
 Presentation by Hervé Millet,
 PlasticsEurope
 - Measurement point for the 10Mt target, Presentation by DG GROW, slides 14-21

- Next Steering Committee meeting, Presentation by DG GROW, slides 22-24
- Following the links, you can find the presentations. <u>Here</u> you can find the deliverables which have been agreed upon and published by the Commission.

Press Review & Reports

• **EURACTIV Virtual Conference**:

- On the 1st of October 2021 the EURACTIV debate about responsible sourcing: The case of batteries was held online.
- The recording of the event is available **here**.
- Commissioner Virginjus Sinkevicius supports the EU executive's proposal to ban waste exports if the recipient country cannot demonstrate that it is capable of disposing of the waste in a safe and sustainable manner.
 - Read the full article <u>here</u>.

Webinars & Conferences

- Battery-powered Future: How can the EU ensure electric vehicles drive the green transport revolution? – Wednesday, 13 October 2021 | 09:30 – 10:45 CET
 - An EURACTIV Virtual Conference to discuss how the EU can lead battery innovation, and ensure that e-transport plays its role on the road to climate neutrality in 2050.
 - If interested, you may <u>register here</u>.
- Webinar on labels for PET bottles, what is the path forward?
 - Wednesday, 13 October 2021 | 14:00 18:10 CET
 - An PETCORE Europe webinar to share the most recent updates on its activities. This webinar will bring the light on key value-added topics for the recyclability of the labels.

- More information and register you find <u>here</u>.
- Closed loop recycling in Europe: what helps and what hinders? – Wednesday, 27 October 2021 | 14:30 – 15:45 CET
 - An EURACTIV Virtual Conference to discuss the policy initiatives and measures that can help or, on the contrary, hinder closed loop recycling of packaging in Europe.
 - If interested, you may register here.

FEAD website - Reminder

- Go to your Member Area (<u>https://fead.be/index.php</u> > "Members Only")
- Enter your login and password (Please ask your login and password to <u>info@fead.be</u> 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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