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### Communication, Networking and Future Events

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### Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **Basel Convention:**
  - The co-chairs of the [EWG on the RA](#) have invited members and observers to provide [written feedback](#) on the possible amendments of Annexes I and III of the Basel Convention by 28 February 2022.

- **Please provide us with any comments by 15 February 2022, COB.**
  - **Recycled plastic in food packaging:**
    - The European Commission has published a [draft Regulation](#) on recycled plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foods ([Annex](#)), which would repeal Regulation (EC) No 282/2008.
    - **Please provide us with your views and comments until 4 January 2022, COB.**
  - **Regulations on fertilisers:**
    - The European Commission has published two draft Delegated Regulations on fertilisers. ([Criteria for the use of by-products](#) and [recovered high purity materials added as CMC](#) and [Annex](#))
    - **Please provide us with your views and comments until 7 January 2022, COB.**
  - **Draft standardisation request on recycled plastics and plastics recycling:**
    - The European Commission transmitted to the European Standardisation Bodies (CEN, Cenelec and ETSI) the draft standardisation request on recycled plastics and plastics recycling for informal comments.
    - **Please provide us with your views on the [Decision](#) and [Annexes](#) by Friday, 21 January 2022, COB.**
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## Monitoring of EU Institutions

### Life of EU institutions

- New regulatory framework for batteries:
  - The European Parliaments' Associated Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) [Opinion](#) was made available on 15 December 2021.
- Microplastics in the Environment:
  - The Commission has extended its public consultation on the [Roadmap](#) on the expected proposal for a Regulation on unintentional release of microplastics from tyres, textiles and plastic pellets in the environment.
  - The [public consultation](#) on the Roadmap on the expected measure is now scheduled to close on 18 January 2022.

- Bio-based and biodegradable or compostable plastics:
  - The Commission Communication on the Policy Framework for biobased, biodegradable and compostable plastics is now expected to be presented in late July 2022 as part of the Circular Economy Package II.
- Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive:
  - The Commission's proposal for a Directive revising the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD), is now expected to be presented on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as part of the Circular Economy Package II.
- Single use plastic (Cups for beverages and food containers):
  - Member States Experts have until 22 December 2021 to vote on the draft Commission Implementing Decision establishing rules for the calculation, verification and reporting on the reduction in the consumption of certain single-use plastic products.
- REACH:
  - The Commission adopted a [Regulation amending Annex XVII of REACH](#) (Restriction on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles) as regards carcinogenic, mutagenic or reproductive toxicant (CMR) substances.
- RoHS:
  - The European Commission adopted [several Delegated Directives](#) amending Annex III of the RoHS to exempt mercury in certain lamps on 13<sup>th</sup> December. The provisions shall be adopted and published by the Member States no later than 6 months after their entry into force (20 days after publication in the OJ).
- Basel Convention:
  - The UN published the [report](#) of the 11-15 October 2021 sessions of the fourth meeting of the expert working group on the review of Annexes to the Basel Convention (Documents RA\_EWG4\_03 Add), during which Annexes I and III BC were reviewed.
  - The fourth meeting of the expert working group on the review of Annexes of the Basel Convention (EWG-4 on RA) will resumed its session online **on 13 January 2022**, focusing on continuing the review of entries A1180 and B1110 in, respectively, Annexes VIII and IX to the Convention. The co-chairs of the EWG on RA decided to extend the deadline for transmitting rationales on the

recommended options for possible amendments to Annex IV **until 11 February 2022**.

- Average loss rate for municipal waste:
  - Member States rejected delegated act on sorting and recycling of municipal waste - After obtaining an extension of the deadline for examining the draft text on the method for calculating recycling targets for municipal waste, proposed by the Commission in August, they finally used their right to object.
  - FEAD asked the commission to clarify whether a new Delegated Decision will be adopted and what the applicable calculation methods will be for the timing being.
- Platform on Sustainable Finance:
  - The first deliverables of the Platform have been postponed to Q1 2022. Please find [here](#) more information.
  - TWG Report on technical screening criteria recommendations for Taxonomy's environmental objectives 3 – 6 will be delivered in Q1 2022, due to the extended public feedback.
  - SG3 Report on Taxonomy's environmental extension will be published in Q1 2022, due to Commission's additional targeted questions.
  - SG4 Report on Social Taxonomy is delayed until Q1 2022 due to the extensive rework that has followed the public consultation.
- "Fit for 55"-Package Part II:
  - The Commission has published a communication on '[Sustainable Carbon Cycles](#)', which sets out an action plan on how to develop sustainable solutions to increase carbon removals. Fossil carbon should be replaced by more sustainable streams of recycled carbon from waste, sustainable biomass and directly from the atmosphere. The Commission intends to facilitate the development of a competitive CCUS market for which it will issue a legislative proposal for the certification of carbon removals.

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## Press Review & Reports

- **ENDS – In-depth: Debate over Batteries Regulation heats up as final 2021 Environment Council looms**
  - ENDS wrote an article about the compromise proposal from the EU Council presidency that plans to postpone implementation of the new Batteries

Regulation. Read the full article [here](#).

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## Webinars & Conferences

- The International Lead Association (ILA) was scheduled a call on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Their **postponed the meeting to Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2022** from 14:00 until 15:00 CET due to that the final RAC opinion is not available yet. The topic will be the classification of lead. If interested, you can follow the call [here](#).
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