



MEET THE NEW EURIC BOARD 2022-2025



EuRIC has elected its new leaders during the General Assemblies held in Brussels on 8 and 9 March 2022. Olivier FRANÇOIS (Board Member of FEDEREC) is EuRIC’s new President. He will be supported in his tasks by a solid team of Vice-Presidents composed of Thomas BRAUN (Managing Director of bvse), Alicia GARCÍA-FRANCO (Director General of FER) and Cinzia VEZZOSI (longstanding Executive of ASSOFERMET and outgoing EuRIC President).

For the metal recycling Branches, Susie BURRAGE (President of the BMRA) has been re-elected President of the European Non-Ferrous Metal Trade and Recycling Branch (EUOMETREC), while Thomas PAPAGEORGIOU (ANAMET Recycling) was re-elected President of the European Ferrous Recovery & Recycling Branch (EFR) alongside with Hans van de NES (FNOI) as President of the European Recovered Paper Branch (ERPA). EuRIC Mechanical Tyre Recycling (EuRIC MTR) will be led by Poul STEEN RASMUSSEN (GENAN), while Mariska BOER (VHT) was re-elected as President of EuRIC Textiles. Last but not least, Sophie SICARD (FEDEREC) was elected President of the European Plastics Recycling Branch (EPRB).

During these elections, the Vice-Presidents of all EuRIC Branches were also elected. All Executives have a robust track record in the recycling industry for the respective resource streams they will represent together with the Presidents.

Cinzia Vezzosi, outgoing President, thanked the Members for their immense contribution to the steady development of EuRIC and strongly welcomed the parity in the top leadership positions across the entire Board. *“This is a sign that women in recycling is not only a motto but a reality EuRIC promotes at top level”*, she said.



Olivier François, newly elected President, thanked Cinzia Vezzosi, for her leadership during which, despite the COVID-related crisis, EuRIC has steadily grown. *Building on EuRIC authoritative role in advocating recyclers’ interests at EU level, I look forward to lead the representation of the recycling industry at a time where our sector is under the spotlight of policy-makers*, he said. *I am certain that the pragmatism, expertise and leadership embodied by EuRIC Board will play a key role in shaping a circular-proof legislation, pulling the demand for raw materials from recycling, speeding up the development of EU-wide end-of-waste criteria and opening new markets for circular materials*, he concluded.



European Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference / Online / 1-2 March 2022

EuRIC Secretary General Emmanuel Katrakis participated as panellist in the fifth edition of the annual Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference which took place on 1 and 2 March 2022 and placed a focus on sustainable products for sustainable consumption. Specifically, Emmanuel shared his views on how to boost the EU market for secondary raw materials. The recording of the conference can be found [here](#) and further information about the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform to which EuRIC is a Coordination Group Member can be found [here](#).

bvse Altpapiertag / Berlin / 24 March 2022

EuRIC Policy Director Julia Bles participated in bvse's International Recovered Paper Conference (Altpapiertag) which took place in Berlin on 24 March 2022. She explained the uncertainties stemming from the European Commission's proposal of the revised Waste Shipment Regulation and which consequences this proposal may have for the recycling industry. Thank you bvse for the invitation and congratulations for a very successful event!



EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS ACTIVITIES



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

High-level Meeting / European Battery Alliance / 23 February 2022

The European Commission [organised](#) the sixth High-Level Meeting of the European Battery Alliance which took place on 23 February 2022 in Brussels to discuss the progress in developing the battery value chain in Europe and to address the most pressing challenges on the way forward. The Commission also presented priority areas for the work of the European Battery Alliance in 2022 and other topics of importance.

UNEA-5 / 28 February to 2 March 2022

The European Commission was represented by Commissioner Sinkevičius at the fifth session of the [United Nations Environment Assembly](#) (UNEA-5) which took place from 28 February to 2 March in Nairobi, Kenya. It was, amongst others agreed to launch negotiations on a legally binding global agreement to combat plastic pollution. The future agreement will aim to close the gaps that existing initiatives and agreements do not address, especially at the design and production phases of the plastics life cycle. It should bring together all stakeholders to achieve the overall goal to eliminate the leakage of plastic into the environment.

Public Consultation / RoHS Directive / 10 March 2022

The European Commission [has opened](#) a public consultation to provide feedback and give views on the best options to improve the RoHS Directive. The consultation period is open until 2 June 2022.

Publication / Circular Economy Package / 30 March 2022

The European Commission has published the long awaited Circular Economy Package, including the Sustainable Products Initiative and the EU Sustainable Textiles Strategy. During the presentation of the package, Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevičius said: "Our circular economy proposals kick off an era where

products will be designed in a way that brings benefits to all, respects the boundaries of our planet and protects the environment. Giving a longer lifespan to the phones we use, to the clothes we wear and to many other products will save money for European consumers. And at the end of their life products will not be a source of pollution, but of new materials for the economy, decreasing the dependency of European businesses on imports.” The full package and press release can be found [here](#).



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Outcome / CBAM / 15 March 2022

The Council of the EU [has published](#) the outcome of its proceedings with regards to the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

Approach / Sustainable battery value chain / 17 March 2022

The Council of the EU [has published](#) an infographic describing the move towards a sustainable, circular, European battery value chain and [has agreed](#) further to a general approach on new rules which will make the battery value chain more sustainable and circular. The rules will also ensure that all economic operators are subject to the same rules, which will create a level playing field and give the EU competitive edge on the global markets.

Agreement / POPs / 17 March 2022

The Environment Ministers [have endorsed](#) the Council of the EU’s mandate to negotiate an agreement with the European Parliament on a regulation that aims to further restrict the presence of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in waste. The negotiating mandate was formally approved by the Permanent Representatives Committee (Coreper) on Friday 11 March.



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Amendments / CBAM / 15 February 2022

The European Parliament [has published](#) the amendments provided by the ENVI Committee on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

Amendments / Batteries & waste batteries / 2 March 2022

The European Parliament has published [amendments](#) as well as short [erratum](#) with regards to the report on the proposal for a Batteries Regulation

Amendments / POPs / 9 March 2022

The European Parliament [has published](#) its amendments to the draft report on Annexes IV and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants (POPs).

Adoption / New Batteries Regulation / 10 March 2022

The European Parliament [has adopted](#) the draft legislation with 584 votes in favour, 67 against and 40 abstentions. MEPs are in favour of overhauling the current legislation to take into account technological developments. They propose stronger requirements on sustainability, performance and labelling, including the introduction of a new category of “batteries for ‘light means of transport’ (LMT)”, such as electric scooters and bikes, and rules on a carbon footprint declaration and label. By 2024, portable batteries in appliances, such as smartphones, and batteries for LMT must be designed so that consumers and independent operators can easily and safely remove them themselves, MEPs say.

Resolution / Right to Repair / 16 March 2022

In a [resolution](#) approved with 41 votes in favour, none against and 4 abstentions, the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee stressed that an effective right to repair should address aspects of a product’s lifecycle and take

into account product design, as well as the key ethical principles of production, standardisation, information labelling on reparability and on the expected lifespan of a product, consumer guarantees and public procurement.

Draft opinion / Deforestation / 17 March 2022

The European Parliament's AGRI Committee [has published](#) its draft opinion with regards to the European Commission's proposed regulation on commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation.



EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EEA)

Briefing / Monitoring Circular Economy / 16 March 2022

The European Environment Agency [has published](#) a briefing about exploring opportunities to collect and use data from new sources to better understand how the EU economy is changing. This briefing discusses four data sources used to develop new indicators for circular economy processes that are difficult to monitor with current data.

Briefing / Resource nexus & Green Deal / 17 March 2022

The European Environment Agency [has published](#) about resource nexus assessments which analyse the direct and indirect interconnections between different natural resources, their management, use and governance, as well as the synergies and trade-offs that can be generated through policy interventions. By building on the insights provided by a growing body of knowledge and selected case studies, this briefing reflects on the role of the resource nexus in supporting policy coherence and integration in the context of the European Green Deal.



EUROSTAT

Tool / Interactive Visualisation Green Deal / March 2022

Eurostat [has published](#) an interactive visualisation tool showing statistics relevant for the European Green Deal, which is one of the 6 European Commission priorities for 2019 – 24. The tool aims to help users of European statistics to discover the statistical indicators in an attractive and intuitive way.

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Global Plastics Outlook / March 2022

The OECD has published its [Global Plastics Outlook](#): Economic Drivers, Environmental Impacts and Policy Options which offers a unique quantified picture of the full lifecycle of plastics globally, including production, consumption, waste, recycling, disposal, leakage and greenhouse gas emissions. Five key findings summarize the current challenges while four critical levers are put forward to make the plastics lifecycle more circular.

Research / Digitalisation & Circular Economy / 28 March 2022

The OECD [has published](#) a research article about the implications of digitalization for a transition to a resource efficient and circular economy.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

METABUILDING - GROW/HARVEST CALL is now open!

METABUILDING GROW/HARVEST Call is now open to stimulate the cross-sectoral collaboration of SMEs in the framework of innovative projects with a **grant of maximum 60.000 EUR per project**.



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Project proposals need to respond to one of the 4 challenges, including **Recycling and Circular Economy**. All the details about this call [here](#).

LIFE 2022 Call for Proposals

All LIFE Calls for proposals 2022 are expected to be published on the Funding & tender opportunities portal on 17 May 2022. Submission deadlines for **LIFE 2022 Calls for proposals** are now available [here](#).

LIFE is the only EU programme dedicated exclusively to the environment, nature conservation and climate action. Under the circular economy and quality of life sub-programme, LIFE will co-finance projects in the area of **recovery of resources from waste, water, air, noise, soil, chemical management, circular economy and the environment** as well as environmental governance.



All the calls for applications are available through the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

EURIC IN THE PRESS

03/03/2022	Textiles: buyers' market depresses trade values	
04/03/2022	1.2 Million Euro Innovationsförderung	
08/03/2022	Celebrating ladies in scrap: Susie Burrage	
09/03/2022	La Federación Española de la Recuperación y el Reciclaje refuerza su papel en Europa	
14/03/2022	EuRIC Elects its new Leaders for 2022-2025	
17/03/2022	EU Recycling chief: product policy should embrace circular economy	

EVENTS

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