

# **NEWSLETTER**

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## **EuRIC** is part of the IFAT Supporting Program – Join us!



EuRIC, the European Recycling Industries' Confederation is organising a panel discussion entitled "The European Green Deal - A green revolution? Implications for the waste management and recycling industry" on 31 May 2022 from 11:20 to 12:05 CEST during IFAT. The panel discussion will take place at Hall A5 "Forum Waste / Secondary Raw Materials Grows" and consist of high-level speakers from the European Commission, the German Ministry of Environment (BMU), an NGO as well as the recycling industry.

During the panel discussion, we will have a closer look at the implementation of the European Green Deal and the new Circular Economy Action Plan. This wave of regulatory changes brings many challenges but also opportunities for the recycling industry. From waste shipments to the revision of many other pieces of waste

legislation as well as the revolution stemming from the sustainable products initiative, this panel will examine the latest developments taking place in Brussels and what it means for the waste management and recycling industry.

#### Draft agenda

Opening Remarks by Emmanuel Katrakis, EuRIC Secretary General

#### **Panel Discussion**

- Mattia Pellegrini, Head of Unit, From waste to resources, DG Environment, European Commission
- Andreas Jaron, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Head of Division WR II 1 "General, Principal and International Matters of Circular Economy, Transboundary Movement of Waste"
  - Henriette Schneider, Senior Expert Circular Economy, Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V.
    - Sebastian Will, Deputy Chairman, byse

Closing Remarks by Murat Bayram, Director EMR

Moderation: Julia Blees, EuRIC Policy Director

If you are attending IFAT, join us on 31 May! You can find the latest information here. We're looking forward to seeing you in Munich!

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### **EuRIC Activities**



#### **EuRIC participation | byse Alttextiltag | 5 May 2022 in Amsterdam**

EuRIC Policy Director Julia Blees introduced the EU Sustainable & Circular Textiles Stratgey during the Alttextiltag 2022 organised by bvse. She gave an overview about the main actions as being proposed by the stratgey that are of importance for the textiles collection, sorting & recycling industry.

#### EuRIC participation | H2020 SCIRT Project | 11-12 May 2022 in Vienna

EuRIC Policy Director Julia Blees participated in the first SCIRT User Board which took place in Vienna and gathered stakeholders in fashion and textiles. Participants were introduced to the objectives of the SCIRT Project and activley exchanged ideas how to make textiles more circular.





#### EuRIC participation | Tire Expo | 18-20 May 2022 in Hannover

EuRIC Scientific Officer Alejandro Navazas represented EuRIC during the Tire Expo in Hannover and spoke about tyre recycling and its opportunities for circularity. He gave an overview of tyre recycling in EU and the impact of ongoing legislation (e.g., Sustainable Product Design, Waste Framework Directive, End-of-life-vehicle Directive, End-of-Waste, microplastics' restriction...).

#### EuRIC participation | 7 Journada de Networking | 19 May 2022 in Barcelona

EuRIC Project Officer Maria Vera Duran participated in the 7th Networking workshop organized by Gremi de Recuperació de Catalunya. She participated in a roundtable to discuss the problems and challenges that the recycling sector is facing, together with Alicia García -Franco (FER), Manuel Dominguez (Repacar), and Meritxell Barroso (AETRAC).





#### EuRIC participation | VDM Annual Conference | 19 May 2022 in Leipzig

EuRIC Policy Director Julia Blees took part in VDM's Annual Conference that took place in Leipzig. It was a great pleasure to discuss various issues of importance for the metal recycling industry with some of the 300 participants of the event.

#### EuRIC participation | BIR World Convention | 23-25 May 2022 in Barcelona

EuRIC Policy Officer Antoine Stilo represented EuRIC during the BIR Convention that took place with 1300 participants in Barcelona. He also gave an overview about the latest information with regards to the revision of the Waste Shipment Regulation to the participants.





#### Site visit Romu Keinänen | 23 May 2022 in Vantaa

EuRIC's ERA Working Group visited the metal scrap recycler Romu Keinänen in Vantaa, Finland and learned about their recycling processes as well as the energy savings stemming from the use of recycled materials. We would like to thank Romu Keinänen for their hospitality and great insights into their daily work! A huge thank you also to the Finnish Scrapdealers Association & YTP for the organisation of all activities in Helsinki.

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## **European Institutions Activities**



#### EUROPEAN COMMISSION

#### Publication | Ship Recycling Facilities | 2 May 2022

The European Commission has published the implementing decision to establish the European list of ship recycling facilities.

#### Public Consultation | Environmental Liability Directive | 12 May 2022

The European Commission has opened a public consultation to added whether the Environmental Liability Directive s fit for purpose and any shortcomings it may have. It will also reflect on calls from the European Parliament and the European Court of Auditors to strengthen its application. The public consultation is open until 4 August 2022.

#### Public Consultation | Persistent organic pollutants (POPs)- perfluoroctanoic acid (PFOA) | 17 May 2022

The European Commission has opened a public consultation that concerns PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds (included in Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021). It amends the PFOA concentration as an unintentional trace contaminant in substances, mixtures and articles, and removes a specific exemption that is no longer needed in the EU. The public consultation is open until 14 June 2022.

#### Public Consultation | Waste Framework Directive | 24 May 2022

The European Commission has opened a public consultation to review the Waste Framework Directive. The revision aims to improve waste management by reducing waste generation including through re-use of products or components and by reducing mixed waste and increasing preparation for re-use or recycling of waste by improving separate collection. The public consultation is open until 16 August 2022.



#### EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

#### Publication | Amendments Deforestation Proposal | 26 April 2022

The European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection has published its amendments on draft opinion on regulation on products associated with deforestation.

#### Publication | Amendments POPs Regulation | 27 April 2022

The European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety has published its amendments on the proposal for a regulation on persistent organic pollutants.

#### Publication | Draft Opinion Directive on Protection of environment through criminal law | 27 April 2022

The European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety has published its draft opinion on the proposal for a Directive on Protection of environment through criminal law.

#### Publication | Adopted Text POPs | 3 May 2022

The European Parliament has adopted its text on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Annexes IV and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants.

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## **European Environment Agency (EEA)**

#### Publication | Municipal Waste Targets | 26 April 2022

The European Environment Agency has published a press release about reaching 2030's residual municipal waste targets.

#### Publication | Consumers' Role in Circular Economy | 17 May 2022

The European Environment Agency has published a briefing about the role that consumers play in creating demand for 'circular' goods and services.

# **EU-Funded Projects & Funding Opportunities**

#### LIFE 2022 Call for Proposals open

€598 million to help make your green project ideas come true.

On 17 May, the European Commission launched the LIFE Programme 2022 Calls for project proposals.

LIFE is the only EU programme dedicated exclusively to the environment, nature conservation and climate action. Under the circular economy and quality of life subprogramme, with €158 million available for projects, LIFE will co-finance projects in the area of recovery of resources from waste, soil, water, air, noise, chemical management, circular economy and the environment as well as environmental governance.



You can find a wealth of information on the kinds of projects LIFE funds, application dates and how to apply on the 2022 LIFE call for proposals page.



All the calls for applications are available through the Funding & Tenders Portal

#### Learn about CIMPA project at PRS 2022



CIMPA will take part in the **Plastics Recycling Show Europe in Amsterdam**, on 22-23 June 2022.

Visit us on Stand K60, EuRIC team will be there to tell you about the latest developments on multilayer plastic recycling in our H2020 project! Other CIMPA partners will also attend this event AIMPLAS, FiliGrade Sustainable Watermarks, Pellenc ST and PAPREC.

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## **Events**





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## **EuRIC** in the News

01/04/2022	EU pushes new 'circular economy' rules for everyday items	<b>YEURACTIV</b>
01/04/2022	La nueva ley de residuos será protagonista de la octava Feria Internacional de la Recuperación y el Reciclado	europapress
05/04/2022	Recovered paper export ban to India lifted	EUWID MAKING MARKETS TRANSPARENT.
08/04/2022	Recycling-Experten diskutieren im Harz über Kreislaufwirtschaft	SALZGITTER ZEITUNG
20/04/2022	Report CRM-A Webinar on Sustainable Products Initiative	CRM Alliance Critical Raw Materials
25/04/2022	Interview: What the Sustainable Products Initiative means for EU recyclers	ENDS
02/05/2022	Revision of the EU's Waste Shipment Regulation [Policy Podcast]	
13/05/2022	New restrictions on waste exports risk hindering recycling in Europe, industry warns	<b>YEURACTIV</b>
16/05/2022	EuRIC comments on the revision of the "Waste Shipment Regulation"	RECYCLING magazine
18/05/2022	Eine funktionierende textile Kreislaufwirtschaft kann gelingen	RecyclingPortal  Das Fachportal für Abfall, Entsorgung. Recycling, Kreislauhwirtschaft und Markte
23/05/2022	EU scrap metal export curbs would be backwards step in global decarbonization: BIR	S&P Global Commodity Insights
23/05/2022	EuRIC defends 'crucial' paper exports	letsrecycle.com
25/05/2022	BIR Convention: EuRIC official warns of policy iceberg	recycling

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