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Impressions from the ERC 2022 in Madrid

The 4th edition of the European Recycling Conference (ERC) took place on 15 June 2022 at IFEMA in Madrid in cooperation with the Spanish federation FER. With more than 500 registered participants, the 2022 ERC was the most successful EuRIC conference so far. The one day conference focused on debating concrete and feasible responses to ongoing regulatory matters impacting the recycling industry.

In a nutshell, the program featured both keynote interventions about the latest policy developments (revision of the waste shipment regulation, development of end-of-waste criteria) and sessions dedicated to the most recycled and traded streams (metals, paper, tyres, textiles, plastics, etc.)



and EU-funded project to recycle multilayer plastics (CIMPA).

Have a look at the full program & list of speakers [here](#).



On top, the ERC was an integral part of the International Recycling and Recovery Trade Fair which attracted over 10 000 visitors and 200 exhibition stands and was concluded with a gala dinner in a stunning venue with amazing food and rich discussions.



EuRIC & FER would like to warmly thank all speakers, sponsors and participants for making the ERC successful and one for the books. We are looking forward to seeing you all again in 2023 – stay tuned for more information about the exact date and venue in the coming months!

EuRIC Participation CIMPA General Assembly | Valencia | 1 to 2 June 2022

The international consortium of CIMPA met in Valencia (Spain) for the second General Assembly of the project. The meeting, hosted by AIMPLAS, took place on the 1st and 2nd June and gathered 27 participants from the 13 different organizations taking part in this research & innovation project funded by the EU's Horizon 2020 programme. EuRIC team joined the meeting and discussed the work done towards the recyclability and circularity of multilayer plastic films, shared their latest results and defined the needs for future developments. More info [here](#).



EuRIC Participation at COP-15 | Geneva | 6 to 17 June 2022

EuRIC Policy Director Julia Blee participated in the negotiations of the fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention. During the negotiations, most notably, the Switzerland and Ghana proposal to place all e-waste shipments under the prior informed consent procedure (PIC) was adopted. Other discussions included the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of plastic waste and wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants.

Further information about the meeting as well as all relevant documents can be found [here](#).

EuRIC Participation Annual Conference EUROPUR and EURO-MOULDERS | Berlin | 8 to 9 June 2022

The annual conference of EUROPUR and EURO-MOULDERS – respectively the trade association of flexible PU foam blocks producers and the association of polyurethane parts for the automotive industry – took place on 8-9 June in Berlin with nearly 400 participants in-person coming from all over Europe and beyond. In total more than 100 companies participated in this key event for the flexible polyurethane industry, including EuRIC represented by Scientific Officer, Alejandro Navazas, which on behalf of EuRIC's automotive recyclers, discussed about how to improve (plastic) recycling and create a circular market for raw materials recycled from automotive shredder residue.



EuRIC Participation National Meeting on ELV Management & Recycling | Madrid | 14 June 2022

At the IX NATIONAL MEETING ON END-OF-LIFE VEHICLE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING organized by SIGRAUTO in Madrid on 14 June, EuRIC Scientific Officer Alejandro Navazas presented the European Recyclers perspective on the new ELV Directive revision. Thanks to SIGRAUTO, the entire value chain has made enormous progress for the reuse, recyclability and recovery of the raw materials present in vehicles over the last few decades in Spain. An excellent

example of end-of-life vehicle management in which Spain not only leads the way, but is a model for the European Union to follow.

EuRIC Participation Plastics Recycling Show Europe | Amsterdam | 22 to 23 June 2022

The Plastics Recycling Show Europe is a two-day show which features an annual conference covering the most pressing topics of the plastic recycling sector. 22 and 23rd June. EuRIC's Project Officer, María Vera Duran, and Scientific Officer, Alejandro Navazas, attended as exhibitors to present EuRIC's work on realising the circular economy for plastics and other materials and present the H2020 CIMPA project.



European Institutions Activities



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Highlights | EU Green Week | 30 May – 5 June 2022

The European Commission [has published](#) the highlights of the 2022 EU Green Week “EU Green Deal – Make it real” which was held from 30 May to 5 June 2022.

Statement | Strategic Raw Materials | 12 June 2022

The European Commission [has published](#) the statement by Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton on increasing strategic raw materials.

Publication | PET Packaging Management Strategies in the EU | June 2022

The European Commission’s Joint Research Center [has published](#) a scientific article entitled “Environmental and Socioeconomic Impacts of Poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET) Packaging Management Strategies in the EU”.



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Amendments | Draft Report on WSR | 24 May 2022

The European Parliament [has published](#) its amendments to the draft report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on shipments of waste and amending Regulations (EU) No 1257/2013 and (EU) No 2020/1056.

Publication | Report on Sustainable Development Goals | 9 June 2022

The European Parliament [has published](#) a report on the implementation and delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Exchange | Construction Products Regulation | 12 June 2022

The European Parliament’s Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee (IMCO) [has published](#) information about a first exchange of views with the Commission on the Proposal for a Regulation laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products.

Amendments | Environment Protection through Criminal Law | 13 June 2022

The European Parliament’s ENVI Committee [has published](#) its amendments on “Protection of the environment through criminal law and replacing Directive 2008/99/EC”.

Compromise Amendments | EU Forest Strategy | 14 June 2022

The European Parliament’s Committee on Development [has published](#) its compromise amendments on “A New EU Forest Strategy for 2030 – Sustainable Forest Management in Europe”.

Opinion | Deforestation | 17 June 2022

The European Parliament [has published](#) its opinion on the on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council Making available on the Union market as well as export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 (COM(2021)0706 – C9-0430/2021 – 2021/0366(COD)).

Communication | Ecodesign Regulation | 7 June 2022

The Council of the EU [has published](#) a communication of the Consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee by the Council on a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for setting ecodesign requirements for sustainable products and repealing Directive 2009/125/EC.

Press Release | Persistent Organic Pollutants | 21 June 2022

The Council of the EU [has published](#) a press release about the fact that the Council and Parliament agree to reduce limit values for the presence of persistent organic pollutants in waste.

Decision | Position about POPs | 27 June 2022

The Council of the EU [has published](#) in the Official Journal of the EU their position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as regards the proposal for amendment of Annex A to that Convention.

Council Presidency | Czech Republic | 1 July 2022

The rotating presidency of the Council of the EU will go to the Czech Republic on 1 July 2022 for a period of 6 months. The presidency [has published](#) several priorities that it aims to tackle during that period.



European Environment Agency (EEA)

Publication | Annual Activity Report 14 June 2022

The European Environment Agency [has published](#) its 2022 Annual Report, providing detailed information on the year's activities, performance and achievements, as well as operational, budgetary and management reporting.

Briefing | Enabling consumer choices for a circular economy | 21 June 2022

The European Environment Agency [has updated](#) a briefing about "Enabling consumer choices for a circular economy".

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development



Publication | Global Plastics Outlook | 21 June 2022

The OECD [has published](#) its Global Plastics Outlook 2022 which looks at policy scenarios towards 2060 as well as at the key question "What are the plausible scenarios for the evolution of plastics in the absence of additional measures and, as well, with scaled-up policy action?".

EU-Funded Projects & Funding Opportunities

LIFE 2022 Call for Proposals open

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

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, with €158 million available for projects, 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.



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](#)

Events



**14-15
SEPT
NEC**



09.-11. November 2022 in Leoben (Österreich)
Recy & DepoTech

EuRIC and ETRMA are pleased to see rubber recycled from end-of-life tyres among the “top 3” most suitable candidate streams for which to develop further EU-wide end-of-waste (EoW) criteria but further policy makers’ commitment is needed. Therefore, the whole tyre value chain calls on the Commission to start working on EU-wide EoW for tyres now. For more info check our [position and infographic](#).

- 26/05/2022 **ERPA Asegura que el comercio mundial de papel recuperado es "crucial para la industria del reciclaje"**
- 30/05/2022 **EuRIC at IREPAS: Impact of EU waste exports should be reassessed**
- 31/05/2022 **Rifiuti, cresce l'export verso Paesi non UE. Ma la Commissione vuole chiudere i canali**
- 07/06/2022 **Ruf nach Dialog zwischen Stahlindustrie und europäischer Recyclingwirtschaft**
- 07/06/2022 **BIR und Euric warnen vor Komplexität und Kosten geplanter neuer Vorschriften**
- 13/06/2022 **Car recycling chain acts as 'business partner'**
- 13/06/2022 **IARC 2022 Interview with Olivier François**
- 15/06/2022 **BMR joins EuRIC roster**
- 15/06/2022 **El sector del reciclaje reivindica su papel trascendental para hacer posible una economía circular**
- 15/06/2022 **FSMS 2022 reúne a sector del Urbanismo, Medio Ambiente y Reciclado, con 227 empresas**
- 15/06/2022 **Recyclage : La conférence EuRIC/FER de Madrid**
- 17/06/2022 **FER CONCEDE A EURIC EL PREMIO TIERRA MADRE POR SU DEFENSA DEL RECICLAJE Y SU COMPROMISO CON EL MEDIO AMBIENTE**
- 20/06/2022 **SIGRAUTO concede los "Premios a la Innovación en la Recuperación" en el marco de SRR**
- 21/06/2022 **The European Green Deal – A Green Revolution?**
- 29/06/2022 **EuRIC meets in Madrid: 'Free scrap trade must prevail'**

