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Circular Economy Newsletter

September 2024

We've summarised for you all the latest news on the EU files affecting the recycling industry, highlighted events you cannot miss, recommended must-read articles and provided a recap of our advocacy efforts for the recycling industry's interests.

***First things first.
There's less than a month until ERC2024, and
there's still time to join us.***

GET YOUR TICKET

Join us on **26 September 2024**, at the illustrious Grand Hotel Villa Torretta in Milano, Italy, as we celebrate a decade of EuRIC's commitment to circularity and sustainable recycling practices.

In partnership with **Assofermet**, we proudly present our anniversary event themed "Recycling Today, Resourcing Tomorrow"



| EuRIC's EU policy monitoring



ELVs

The European Commission is expected to finalise a draft Implementing Decision on standards for recycling and reusing materials in end-of-life vehicles (ELVs) in 2025. Originally anticipated for 2024, this measure has been delayed according to the draft annual Union work programme (AUWP) for European standardisation presented on 29 July 2024.



Construction & Demolition

EuRIC's Construction and Demolition Branch (ECDB) has released a manifesto for the EU's 2024–2029 mandate, detailing five key policy recommendations to drive circularity in the construction and demolition sector.

[Read our manifesto](#)



Tyres

The European Commission has announced a delay in presenting a Delegated Act on labelling requirements for retreaded tires, initially expected by 25 June 2025. This Act, part of Regulation (EU) 2020/740, aims to introduce new labelling requirements for retreaded tires, pending the availability of a suitable testing method. The Commission published a report on 26 July 2024, indicating that the delay is due to the ongoing development of an appropriate testing method. The Commission is likely to seek an extension beyond the initial deadline as the study progresses, which will inform the Act's drafting and stakeholder consultation.



Textiles

On 5 September, the Council's Working Party on the Environment is expected to examine the European Parliament's **position** at first reading on the proposed revision of the Waste Framework Directive (WFD). As the European Parliament has adopted its position at first reading on 12 March 2024, the procedure for this file did not lapse at the end of the ninth legislature; however, the proposal goes to a second reading.



Plastics

The European Commission has updated stakeholders on possible amendments to Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1616, which governs recycled plastic materials for food contact (FCM). According to EUissuetracker, during an Commission **information event** on 14 June 2024, the Commission discussed the need to address issues with the current regulation, including measures that aren't working as intended, unrealistic deadlines, and the large-scale use of imported 100% recycled material.



Waste Shipments

The Commission is expected to issue a report assessing the data transmitted by Member States concerning the transboundary movement of hazardous waste and other types of waste. The Commission is anticipated to present this report by 31 December 2029. Once published, the report will be sent to the European Parliament and the Council, which may formally respond in the following months. The European Parliament may respond by adopting a resolution, while the Council may respond by adopting conclusions.



E-waste

The EU Council **adopted new sanctions** against Belarus on 29 June, in response to the war in Ukraine. These sanctions include a ban on exporting electrical and electronic waste, scrap, and iron and steel to Belarus, effective from 2 October 2024. However, contracts signed before 1 July 2024, are exempt from this ban until that date. EuRIC is assessing the potential impact of these sanctions on recycling facilities in Europe.



Other EU files

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM):

The EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is the EU's tool to put a fair price on the carbon emitted during the production of carbon intensive goods that are entering the EU, and to encourage cleaner industrial production in non-EU countries. CBAM will apply in its definitive regime from 2026, while the current transitional phase lasts between 2023 and 2025. This gradual introduction of the CBAM is aligned with the phase-out of the allocation of free allowances under the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) to support the decarbonisation of EU industry.

The EC has updated its FAQ on CBAM. Read more [here](#).

Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD):

The European Commission has today published a set of frequently asked questions

EU sustainable finance framework more usable for companies and reduce the administrative burden on them. Consult the updated FAQ [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Implementing EU legislation:
**Increasing circularity in the
construction sector**



organised by **EuRIC** x **ANPAR/ASSOAMBIENTE** x **Ecomondo**



Rimini Expo Centre, Italy



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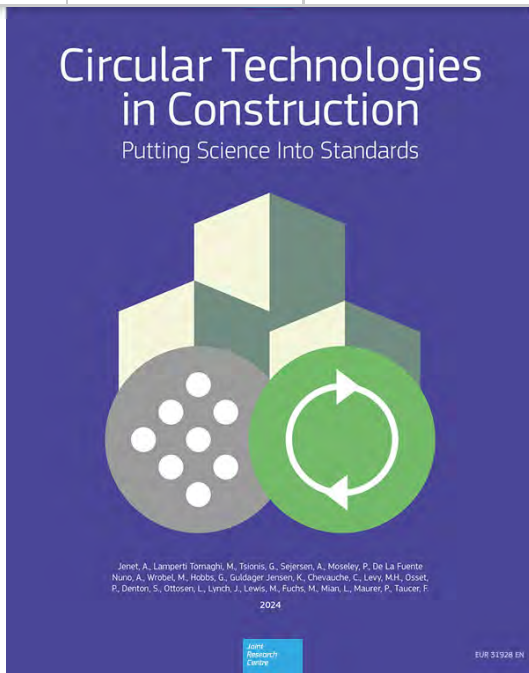
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Join us at **Ecomondo 2024** in Rimini for EuRIC's conference on **"Implementing EU Legislation: Boosting Circularity in the Construction Sector."**

Discover how the latest EU regulations can transform the construction industry into a circular economy leader. Don't miss out on insights into recycling targets, Green Public Procurement, and more.

[Learn more](#)

| Interesting reads



and the circular economy, highlighting future research in terminology, performance indicators, and compatibility. Key focus areas include circularity measurement, quality assurance for recycled materials, circular design, and building information management. Recommendations aim to enhance industry competitiveness and environmental stewardship, with a call for clear objectives and practical strategies. Read the JRC report [here](#).



Aggregates, concrete, clay bricks, and gypsum have been identified as priorities for developing European end-of-waste criteria, according to a study by Tauw and Milieu, commissioned by the European Commission. The report, finalised in spring 2024 and published on 22 August, prioritises ten waste streams from the construction and demolition sector. The findings will inform the European Commission's ongoing efforts, which previously focused on plastics and textiles. Read the report [here](#).

| Updates from the CIMPA Project



> CIMPA/EuRIC booth at the Plastics Recycling World Expo in Brussels

On 11-12 September 2024, CIMPA/EuRIC will be present at the Plastics Recycling World Expo in Brussels. Visit our booth to know more about the plastic recycling industry and the challenges for food contact materials. Project results will also be presented.

[Check out the programme](#)

> CIMPA value chain workshop in Berlin

On 18 September, CIMPA organises a value chain workshop in Berlin to scale up innovative solutions for the plastic recycling industry. If your registration is confirmed, your travel expenses and accommodation will be covered by the CIMPA project.

[Register here](#)

> EU Funding Opportunities

EU funding opportunities are now open for research proposals! LIFE applications are open until September 19th, with calls focusing on circular economy areas like textiles, plastics, CRM, and WEEE recycling. Explore more [here](#).

If you're applying for Horizon Europe funding, check our resources to help with your application:

- Who can apply: <https://europa.eu/!7CdPwF>
- How to apply: <https://europa.eu/!VQRKmh>

[Explore CIMPA's website](#)



Plastics Recycling World Expo, 11-12 September 2024, Brussels, Belgium

This free-to-attend event brings together global leaders from the plastics recycling industry for two days of networking and innovation. Your free ticket grants you access to the co-located Compounding World and Plastics Extrusion World Expos.

Explore three conference theatres with a dynamic two-day programme featuring technical presentations, seminars, and industry debates. Join us in Brussels and engage with experts, expand your network, and stay at the forefront of industry advancements!

Get your free ticket



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