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EuRIC activities

European Recycling Conference 2018 / Meet, Learn, Network / Berlin, 10.09.2018



EuRIC, the European Recycling Industries' Confederation, would like to kindly thank all members, sponsors, speakers, media partners and participants who took part in the European Recycling Conference 2018 on 10 September in Berlin. The ERC 2018 offered all its participants a unique opportunity to be informed and to discuss key policy and regulatory developments for the recycling industry while

developing their business networks and establishing new partnerships. "The ability to run a business in the recycling sector becomes each day more challenging and demands to constantly adapt to ever-changing rules and market conditions", pointed out Mr. Schuy, President of EuRIC. With a high-quality program, the ERC 2018 covered key topics for the recycling industry and succeeded at showing different realities and points of view within a very broad industry. Read the full article on the ERC 2018 [here](#).

Geneva – Basel Convention / 03.-06.09.2018



Mélissa Zill, EuRIC Scientific Officer, participated to the meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG - 3-6 September) and Small Intersessional Working Group (SIWG - 4-5 October). The details of the decision to be adopted by the [Conference of Parties](#) of the Basel Convention (29 April to 10 May 2019) are discussed in those meetings. Main topics of interests are the proposal from Norway to amend the Annexes of the Convention and the technical guidelines on POP-containing waste (for decaBDE in particular).

Kick off of EuRIC Plastics Branch meeting / Brussels, 04.10.2018

EuRIC is launching a new Branch which will be dealing with plastics recycling. The first preliminary meeting took place on 4 October 2018 in Brussels with the aim to set up the right framework conditions for its proper establishment and work on concrete deliverables. Representatives of plastics recyclers from Austria, Belgium, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Spain and the UK were present at the meeting. The Plastics Branch will be officially established as of the beginning of 2019 and its first official meeting will take place in January 2019. National Associations interested in joining EuRIC Plastics activities are welcome to contact [EuRIC Secretariat](#).

EuRIC participates in the „SVDS General Assembly” / Prague, 17-18.09.2018



EuRIC secretariat participated in Prague (Czech Republic) in the General Assembly of the Czech Recycling Federation (SVDS), a Member of EuRIC. The General Assembly provided a great opportunity for a useful exchange about the main challenges stemming from legislation which can affect daily business activities of recycling companies. Mr. Peter CECH, EuRIC Policy Officer, reported about key topics, discussed at EU level, such as the Waste Shipment Regulation or the re-classification of cobalt. EuRIC is very grateful to SVDS for inviting the Secretariat.

EuRIC and the European Commission visit BST’s recycling plant / Belgium, 25.09.2018



“Our heart beats for recycling”. That’s the motto of Belgian Scrap Terminal (BST), one of the leaders of scrap metal, End of Life Vehicles (ELVs) and waste electrical and electronic appliances (WEEE) recycling in Belgium and a recycling business reference at European level. BST’s CEO, Mrs. Caroline Craenhals, and all her team warmly welcomed a Commission delegation from Waste Management and Secondary Materials Unit in BST’s premises in Willebroek last 25th September.

Organised by EuRIC, this site visit offered an opportunity to discuss the challenges for the recycling industry and how the European institutions can support the work of the European recyclers to boost the transition from a linear to a circular economy. Read the full article on this visit [here](#).

EU Conference 2018: Sustainable Products in a Circular Economy / Brussels 26.09.2018



Christer Forsgren, Environment and Technical Director at Stena Metall, represented EuRIC in a session dedicated to traceability in a circular economy during the [high-level conference](#) on the EU Circular Businesses Conference. Christer Forsgren addressed the need for better traceability, especially for materials that are not widespread yet and often very difficult to recycle (e.g. bio-composites, biodegradable plastics or fiber reinforced polypropylene used in the automotive industry).

EuRIC participates in the „BVSE-JAHRESTAGUNG 2018” / Baden-Baden, 25-27.09.2018



The German Bundesverband Sekundärrohstoffe und Entsorgung (bvse), a Member of EuRIC, organized its Annual Meetings in Baden-Baden, Germany, on 25-27.09.2018. Opened by Mr. Eric Rehbock, the General Director of bvse, this event played host to many experts from the recycling industry, covering all material streams, who discussed the challenges and opportunities for the recycling sector. Mr. Peter CECH, EuRIC Policy Officer, introduced on behalf of EuRIC the latest development in the EU waste legislation and provided information about the kick-off meeting of EuRIC new Plastics Branch.

European institutions activities

Publications Office of the European Union

European List of ship recycling facilities / Brussels, 04.10.2018

The [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2018/1478](#) amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2323 to update the European List of ship recycling facilities established pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013 on ship recycling has been published in the Official Journal of the EU (OJEU).

Corrigendum / DecaBDE / REACH Regulation / Brussels, 04.10.2018

The Corrigendum to the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/227 amending Annex XVII to the REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) as regards bis(pentabromophenyl)ether (DecaBDE) has been published in the OJEU.

Trade defence instruments / Brussels, October 2018

The following measures concerning trade defence instruments have been published in the OJEU:

(I) The [Commission Implementing Regulation](#) (EU) 2018/1469 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes, of iron or steel, originating in Russia and Ukraine.

European Parliament

Interface / chemicals, products & waste legislations / Resolution / Brussels, 13.09.2018

The European Parliament has adopted a [Resolution](#) in response to the [Communication](#) from the European Commission (the Commission) on the options to address the interface between the chemicals, products and waste legislations. The resolution is not binding, but it displays the Parliament's position on this file. The European Parliament states in this Resolution that "prevention takes priority over recycling" and it calls for the same rules for virgin and recycled materials when it comes to the presence of hazardous substances. The Commission has opened a [public consultation](#) on the topic, running until 29.10.2018, to which EuRIC will contribute.

Strategy for Plastics in a circular economy / Resolution / Brussels, 13.09.2018

The European Parliament has adopted a [Resolution](#) as a reaction to the [Communication](#) from the Commission on "A European Strategy for Plastics in a circular economy". The resolution is not binding, but it displays the Parliament's position on this file.

Parliamentary questions / Metals / Plastics / Brussels, July – September 2018

- MEP Angelika Niebler (EPP, DE) [asked](#) question as regards the classification of metal particles in European List of Waste Directive;
- MEP William Dartmouth (UK, EFDD) [asked](#) question as regards the EU waste sent to Asia (and already received [answer](#) given by Commissioner Vella on behalf of the Commission).

Parliamentary questions are questions addressed by Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to other European Union Institutions and bodies as a form of parliamentary scrutiny. They provide an overview about MEPs' areas of interests and their positions.

Single Use Plastics / Binding recycled content / ENVI Committee / Brussels, 10.10.2018

Members of the ENVI Committee of the European Parliament have voted on the Report amending the Single Use Plastics (SUP) Directive proposed by the European Commission. The MEPs voted for an amendment setting out a target of 35% of recycled content in beverage bottles by 2025. The Report will have to be voted in plenary by all Members of the European Parliament later in October while the Council is also amending the SUP Directive proposal. [EuRIC welcomed this vote in its press release.](#)

Recast of the POP Regulation / ENVI Committee / Brussels, 10.10.2018

The ENVI Committee of the European Parliament voted on the [report](#) from MEP Julie Girling on 10 October, adopting 12 amendments to the original proposal from the Commission. One of the amendments includes decaBDE in the Annex I of the POP Regulation, with a concentration limit of 10 ppm, which would cause [major disruption](#) in the recycling industry. The legislative procedure is still not over. A vote in plenary is scheduled between 22-25 October. Meanwhile, the Council Working Party on Environment is discussing the draft proposal as well. [EuRIC will continue to closely follow this process.](#)

European Commission

**** Proposals – Communication & Action Plans – Statistics ****

Commission implementation report / EU waste legislation / Brussels, 24.09.2018

The European Commission has [published](#) the latest review of how well EU waste rules are applied across Europe in its Implementation [Report](#). This three-annual report is based on questionnaires filled-in by Member States and cover the main aspects of implementation of waste legislation. The report also includes [early warnings](#) for 14 Member States, at risk of missing the 2020 target of 50% preparation for re-use/recycling for municipal waste. The following reports per Directive were produced:

- [Directive 2008/98/EC on waste](#)
- [Directive 2002/96/EC and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment](#)
- [Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste](#)
- [Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste](#)
- [Directive 86/278/EEC on sewage sludge](#)

Roadmap / End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive / Brussels, 04.10.2018

The Commission has [published](#) a roadmap on 04.10.2018 as a first step to begin with the evaluation of the ELV Directive. The [roadmap](#) maps out areas on which the Commission will focus, such as: (i) making dismantling, recycling and reusing these vehicles more environmentally friendly or (ii) pushing manufacturers to make new vehicles without hazardous substances. At this stage, it is also possible to provide first comments on the roadmap by 01.11. 2018. [EuRIC will respond for the recycling industry.](#)

**** Public consultations – Actions with a deadline for submission ****

Ship recycling / Authorised yards / Implementing decision / Deadline: 19.10.2018

The Commission has [published](#) a Draft Implementing Decision (and its Annex) on 21.09.2018 proposing to add a number of new yards to the list of facilities authorised to recycle end-of-life ships. The new yards are in Denmark, Italy, Finland, Turkey and the USA. The Draft Implementing Decision is open for comments, i.e. interested stakeholders can provide [feedback](#) before the Decision will be adopted.

***** EU funding and non-financial support *****

EU funds / Support for SMEs / October 2018

(i) A COSME Agreement has been [signed](#) by the European Investment Fund (EIF) and PKO Leasing S.A. to provide PLN 1.5 billion (c. EUR 348 million) in loans to SMEs in **Poland**;

Other EU bodies

Recycled rubber granules / REACH Restriction proposal / ECHA / Helsinki, 19.09.2018

The [public consultation](#) on the restriction proposal from ECHA and the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) to limit the authorised concentration for eight PAHs to 17 mg/kg (for the sum of PAHs) in recycled rubber granules made from end-of-life tyres and used in artificial sports fields is opened. Stakeholders can provide their feedback until 19.03.2019. On 18 September, the French National Agency for Food Safety, Environment and Labor (ANSES) published a [study](#), which concludes that the risks to health posed by synthetic pitches are negligible.

Database / Candidate list substances in articles / ECHA / Helsinki, 20.09.2018

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) carried a public consultation, running between 20 September and until 9 October, on a proposed scenario regarding the database on Candidate List substances in articles and complex products put on the market in the EU. EuRIC responded on the basis of the [position](#) prepared during the summer. A workshop will be held in Helsinki on 22 October to discuss the outcome of this public consultation, and a representative from EuRIC will be present.

Report / Global waste / 2050 / IMPEL / Brussels, 20.09.2018

IMPEL – the European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law – [presented](#) a [Report](#), published by the World Bank and focusing on global waste. This Report is entitled “What a Waste 2.0: A Global Snapshot of Solid Waste Management to 2050”. One of the key topics is the ever-increasing waste generation and the important role of good waste management systems.

Studies

Assessment / Measures to reduce marine litter / single use plastics / Brussels, May 2018

The [Study](#) on the Assessment of measures to reduce marine litter from single use plastics has been made public. It was prepared by the consultants ICF and Eunomia, selected by the Commission. This study set out the methodology used to assess the impacts of a range of measures tackling single use plastics (SUP). The outputs of this study were used by the Commission for the proposal for the SUP Directive.

Clean Material Recycling Project / RIVM and Ramboll / August 2018

As announced in the [Communication](#) on the interface between the chemicals, products and waste legislations, a [study](#), funded by the DG Environment of the Commission, has been launched. Named “CleaR: Clean Material Recycling project”, the study will provide an evidence-based framework assessing how to manage the presence of substances of concern in waste and recycled materials and their potential adverse effects on human health and the environment.

ELV waste management and decaBDE / Öko-Institut / ACEA / September 2018

The European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA) has commissioned and funded a [study](#) to the Öko-Institut, which analyses the effects of the listing of decaBDE as a POP on the management of end-of-life vehicles (ELVs).

Towards the battery of the future / Science for environmental policy / September 2018

The Commission published a comprehensive [Future Brief](#) on the topic of batteries, from the manufacturing step to the treatment at the end-of-life.

Events

Participation of EuRIC Secretariat to Ecomondo conference / Rimini, Italy / 6-8.11.2018

EuRIC Secretariat, represented by Emmanuel Katrakis and Mélissa Zill, will deliver presentations at the [Ecomondo](#) event in Rimini, Italy, in November. Interventions are scheduled for two sessions, one on waste classification rules (6 November) and one on ecodesign (7 November).