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European institutions activities

European Parliament

Vote on the report of the ENVI Committee / Circular Economy / Brussels, 17.06.2015

The Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) Committee of the European Parliament (EP) voted, on the 17.06.2015, on the amendments ([1](#) & [2](#)) and [compromise amendments](#) to the [own-initiative report](#) entitled “Resource efficiency: moving towards a circular economy” (see EuRIC Newsletter, Issues n°1 & 2). The amended text was adopted in ENVI by vast majority. It includes the proposal of concrete waste reduction, re-use and recycling targets, as well as the revision of the legal waste framework. According to the ENVI Secretariat, the final Report should be available [online](#) by 25.06.2015. The Report’s final adoption will take place during the 6 to 9 July EP plenary session. This report is not a legally binding legislative text.

- For more general information on the content and voting, please refer to the [EP-news release](#)
- For the outcome of the vote (i.e. amendments adopted or rejected), please refer to the [Voting List](#)
- To consult all Report’s related documents, please see the Committee’s [Meeting Document page](#)

European Commission

Consultation on the definition & classification of hazardous waste / Deadline: 09.07.2015

DG Environment of the European Commission has opened a consultation of stakeholders on the draft “Guidance document on the definition and classification of hazardous waste”, published on 08.06.2015. The consultation invites stakeholders to give their opinion on the [draft Guidance document](#), which final version will aim at explaining the new requirements and legal changes of the List of Waste and Hazardous Waste criteria that entered into force on 01.06.2015. The deadline for stakeholders to submit their comments via email has been set for the 09.07.2015.

- For more information about the consultation, please refer to the EC’s [Waste Events page](#)

Consultation on the functioning of Waste Markets in the EU / Deadline: 04.09.2015

The European Commission (EC) has launched a [public consultation](#) on the functioning of Waste Markets in the EU. The consultation is part of a study aiming at identifying the major obstacles and distortions to waste markets within the EU (see EuRIC Newsletter, Issue n°1), and is running in parallel of the future new circular economy package, which makes it particularly relevant. As decided during EuRIC’s Environment and Regulatory Affairs (ERA) Working Group meeting on 02.06.2015, the Secretariat will soon provide a response proposal to all members.

Action Plan for Fair and Efficient Corporate Taxation in the EU / Deadline: 09.09.2015

The European Commission has [presented](#) an “Action Plan for Fair and Efficient Corporate Taxation in the EU”. Key initiatives include “a strategy to re-launch the [Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base](#) and a framework to ensure effective taxation where profits are generated. Furthermore, the Commission has also launched a [public consultation](#) on “corporate tax transparency”, affecting the possible mandatory disclosure of certain tax information of companies. The deadline for this consultation has been set for the 09.09.2015. Eventually, the Action Plan will be followed by legislative proposals from the Commission.

- For more information on the Action Plan, please refer to the Commission’s [Communication](#)

EU Funds / Conclusion of negotiations on the EFSI / Brussels, 28.05.2015

The European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union have concluded the negotiations on the Regulation for a European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI), which is one of the key elements of the “Juncker Plan” (see EuRIC Newsletter, Issue n°2). As indicated in a recent [press release](#), the Commission expects the fund to start financing projects at the end of this summer, although the Regulation has not yet been formally adopted.

- Project promoters may consult: “[How should promoters present their projects for EFSI financing](#)”

Appointment of four DG Trade Directors by the Commission / Brussels, 17.06.2015

The European Commission has appointed four new Directors within the Directorate-General for Trade: (1) Mrs. Sandra Gallina, Director of “Sustainable Development, Economic Partnership Agreements for the African, Caribbean and Pacific region; Agri-food and Fisheries”, (2) Mr Leopoldo Rubinacci, Director of “Trade Defence”, (3) Ms. Helena König, Director of “Asia and Latin America”, and (4) Mr. Denis Redonnet, Director of “WTO, Legal Affairs and Trade in Goods”.

- For more information, please refer to the Commission’s [press release](#)

Restructuring of the Commission’s DG GROW / Brussels, 01.06.2015

The European Commission has restructured the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW). The former Unit “F/3 Raw Materials, Metals, Minerals and Forest-based Industries” has been substituted by the new Unit “C/2 Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials”, being Mattia PELLEGRINI the current Head of Unit.

- For more information, please refer to the new [organizational chart](#) published by DG GROW

June Infringement Package against Member States

Italy requested to comply with EU landfill legislation

The European Commission has decided to request Italy to comply with the EU [Landfill Directive](#) by sending a second reasoned opinion. Since the meeting of the deadline on 16.07.2009, the Landfill Directive only allows continued operation of landfill sites prior to 2001, if concrete safety standards are followed. According to the information provided to the Commission, at least 50 landfills –containing at least one of them hazardous waste – do not comply with the Directive and the safety standards. If corrective measures are not taken within two months, Italy may be referred to the Court of Justice by the Commission.

- For more information about this infringement, please see: [June Infringement Package](#)
- For more information about the infringement procedure, please refer to [MEMO/12/12](#)