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Circular Economy Newsletter



We are pleased to share the **76th** edition of the **EuRIC Newsletter** featuring the latest key information regarding EU regulatory, institutional and policy developments of interest to the recycling sector.



EuRIC EVENTS

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De Warande, Brussels

5th European Recycling Conference

Special edition

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The ERC is back for a special edition

The Presidency and the EuRIC team are pleased to announce that the European Recycling Conference is back for a special edition in 2023. In cooperation with **Denuo**, the Belgian federation, **the ERC will take place on 28 September in Brussels, at De Warande**, a very exquisite venue. We invite you to add this event to your calendar. **More information will be communicated soon.** We are looking



EuRIC UPDATES



EuRIC launched its Construction and Demolition branch

Aiming to represent European recyclers' interests, the new Construction and Demolition branch will **evaluate and contribute to the implementation of the EU's Green Deal and Industrial Strategy** by promoting a circular economy approach within the construction sector.

[Read the press release](#)





New position paper on Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation

This paper is divided into different streams and aims to **outline the position of the European recycling industry on the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation proposal** and is meant as a response to the EC's open public consultation.

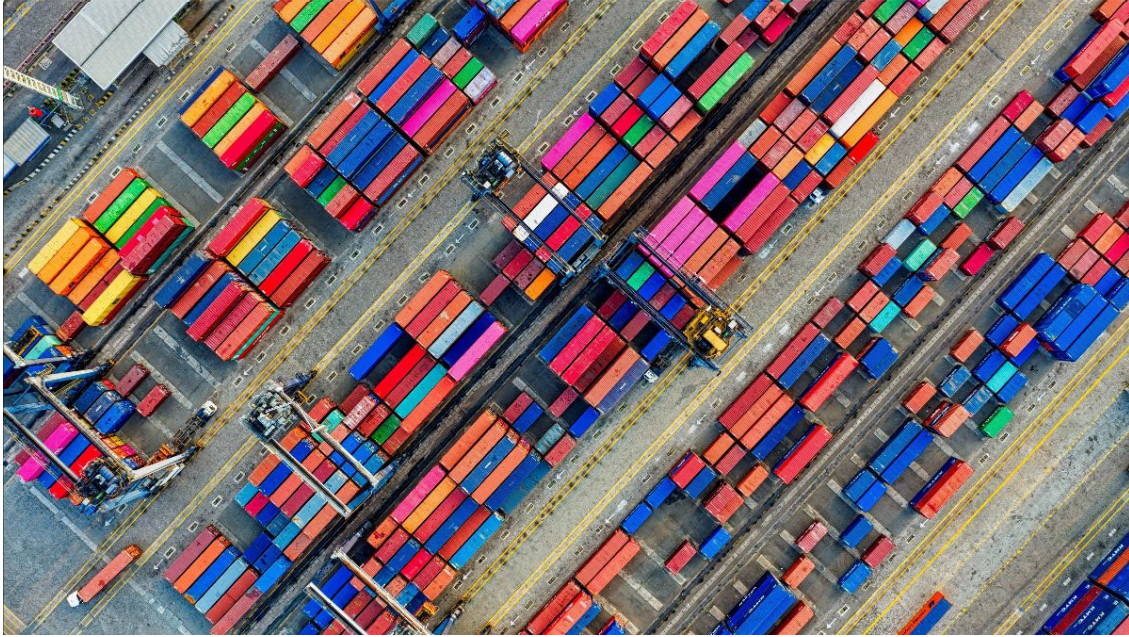
[Read the position paper](#)



New position paper on Critical Raw Materials Regulation

This paper **outlines the position of the European recycling industry on the proposal for a Regulation on Critical Raw Materials** and is intended as a response to the EC's open public consultation.

[Read the position paper](#)



New position paper for a Waste Shipment Regulation benefiting plastics circularity

The Commission's proposal for a Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR) responds to the call in the European Green Deal and the Circular Economy Action Plan to revise the WSR in order to (1) facilitate shipments of waste for re-use and recycling in the EU, (2) ensure that the EU does not export its waste challenges to third countries and (3) tackle illegal shipments of waste. In view of the start of the triilogue negotiations, **EuRIC recalls the key messages for achieving plastics circularity and free trade in the EU.**

[Read the position paper](#)

[Read the press release](#)





Publication of a joint statement on the harmonized classification of Copper forms

EuRIC joins forces with the **European Copper Institute** (ECI) to express its concerns on the **opinion of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)' s Risk Assessment Committee** on the proposal for a harmonized classification and labelling of copper.

[Read the joint statement](#)



EuRIC participated in Basel Convention COP-16

EuRIC, together with **BMRA** and **BIR**, attended the Sixteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the **Basel Convention**, which was held in Geneva from 1-12 May. **Important topics for the recycling industry were discussed and adopted, such as the Technical Guidance on Plastic Waste and POPs Waste.** Other important issues such as the revision of Annexes I, III and IV of the Basel Convention were also addressed, but it was decided that more work is needed to reach a decision.



EuRIC participated in the annual networking event of Gremi de Recuperació

EuRIC participated in the annual networking event organized by our partner **Gremi de Recuperació de Catalunya**, on the occasion of its 70th anniversary. The event took place on 4-5 May 2023. **Maria Vera and Alejandro Navazas introduced the EU legislative changes affecting the waste management and recycling sector.**



EuRIC participated at bvse's Alttextiltag

EuRIC's Policy Director Julia Bles participated in the **bvse's Alttextiltag** on 17 May in Nuremberg and gave an overview of the revision of the Waste Shipment Regulation. She highlighted the fact that it is **absolutely necessary to have a proper**



EuRIC attended the BIR Convention & Exhibition

Emmanuel Katrakis, Secretary General of EuRIC, was in Amsterdam from 22 to 24 May for the **75th BIR Convention**, where he presented **the EU perspective on critical raw materials**. He also had the opportunity to attend the election of Susie Burrage, **EUROMETREC** President, as **the first female President of BIR!** EuRIC once again congratulates Susie on her election and reaffirms its commitment to continue working closely with BIR for a competitive recycling industry in Europe and around the world.



POLICY UPDATES



"Europe needs to step up circular economy efforts" states the European Environment Agency

The EU's circular economy action plan aims to double the share of recycled materials used in its economy by 2030. The European Environment Agency's (EEA) assessment, published on 17 May, shows that the pace of progress needs speeding up, requiring both **more recycling and less overall material use**. A second, in-depth **report on waste prevention highlights opportunities for stronger and systemic approach** for monitoring progress at EU level.

[Read the briefing on circular use of materials](#)

[Read the report on EU-level waste prevention framework](#)

European
Circular Economy
Stakeholder Platform



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Publication European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform "coordination group work plan"

The **European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (ECESP)** is a joint initiative

of the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee to exchange ideas and accelerate the implementation of the circular economy.

As a member of the ECESP Coordination Group, **EuRIC is actively involved in enabling and implementing change** through its work plan of activities, demonstrating how synergies can accelerate the transition.

[Download the work plan](#)



Tracking the circular economy

On 15 May, the EU's statistics office, Eurostat, published its **revision of the EU circular economy monitoring framework**, changing how the Commission tracks progress made in the green transition. It has **added several new criteria** including material and consumption footprint and resource productivity.

[More information](#)

Microplastics

Member States **voted** in favour of the proposed restriction on microplastics in artificial turf. The proposal now has to be considered by the European Parliament and the Council.

ESPR

Council of EU publishes its general **approach** on the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation.

CPR

European Parliament publishes **opinion** of Industry, Research and

CRM

Council of EU publishes **note** from Swedish Presidency to Permanent

CLP

European Parliament publishes **briefing** on initial analysis of Commission's impact assessment accompanying proposal on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

PPWR

European Parliament publishes Internal Market (IMCO) Committee's **draft opinion** on packaging and packaging waste proposal.

CPR

European Parliament publishes **opinion** of Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committee on Construction Products Regulation.

CRM

European Parliament publishes Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)'s amendments (**1,2,3**) to draft report on proposal for regulation framework for ensuring secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials.

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Empowering consumers

European Parliament publishes **adopted text** on Empowering Consumer proposal.

Textiles

European Parliament publishes Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee (ENVI)'s **report** on EU strategy for sustainable and circular textiles.

Waste Shipment

Council of EU publishes **press release** announcing adoption of its negotiating mandate on waste shipments proposal.

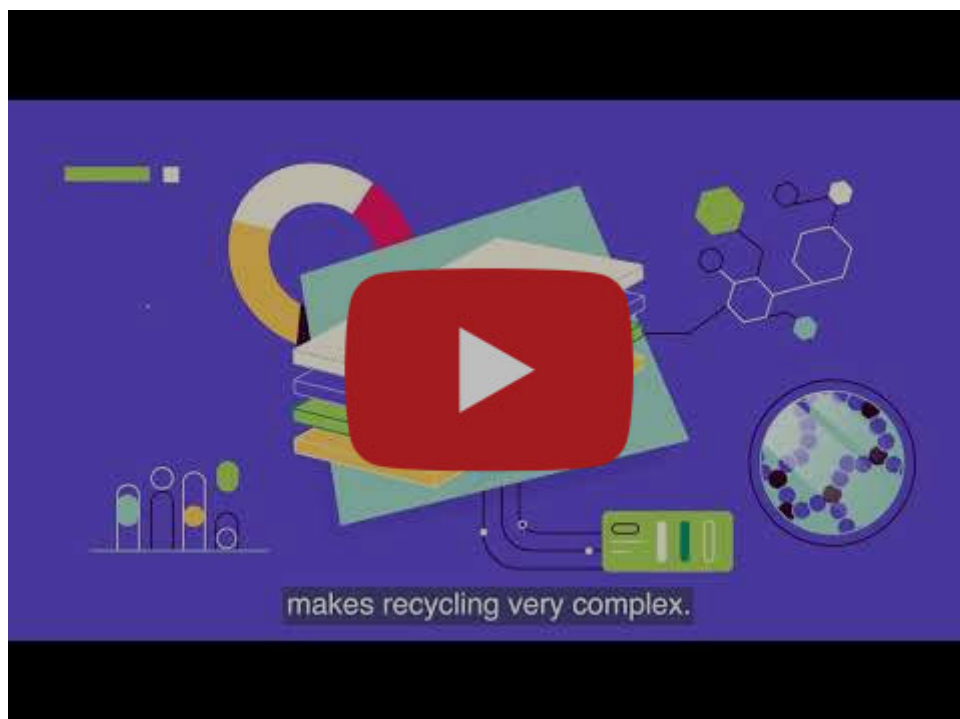


EU FUNDED PROJECT



CIMPA participated in Plastic Recycling Show

CIMPA project participated in the Plastic Recycling Show in Amsterdam, that took place on 10-11 May 2023. This event was a perfect occasion to show the **preliminary results of the project, including the advancements in the sorting of multilayer packaging through NIR and digital watermarking technologies**. Moreover, the EPRB meeting took place in the same venue to discuss the work on end-of-waste for plastics, the new rules for packaging and the different methods to measure recycled plastic content, among other topics.



[Watch the video on Youtube](#)

METABUILDING project

METABUILDING partners got together in Vienna for the **last project meeting on 23-24 May, to discuss the impact achieved, lessons learnt and the potential long-term added value of the project.** METABUILDING has **supported more than 100 European SMEs in the construction sector** (including recycling & circular economy) through funding and recently launched a **platform** to continue fostering the innovation and cross-sectoral cooperation through different services. **Sign-up for free and become part of the METABUILDING ecosystem!**



PROMOTED EVENTS



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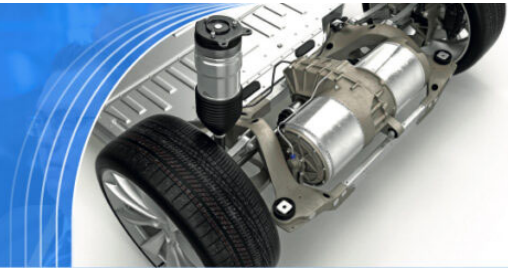
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