



## MEET THE TEAM

### What are your main responsibilities within EuRIC?

As new policy officer at EuRIC, my main focus lies with European rules on waste shipment and end-of-life vehicles. After the adoption of the European Commission's Proposal for a Waste Shipment Regulation in late 2021, my work on waste shipment is now to represent the European recycling industry's interests towards European decision makers in the legislative process. It includes drafting amendment proposals to the legal text, as well as convincing representatives at the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union of our views. Concerning end-of-life vehicles, I focus on the preparatory work of the European Commission for the revision of the End-of-Life Vehicles Directive (ELV-Directive) that should be published in about one year.

### Can you give us a little insight about your educational background and previous work experiences?

I completed a French-German double degree in law at the universities of Cologne (LL.B.) and Paris 1 (Maître en Droit) and completed my studies with a Master in international and European law at the university of Maastricht (LL.M.). My first work experience was about EPR schemes for packaging, WEEE and batteries at the French-German Chamber of Commerce in Paris. Prior to joining EuRIC, I worked as EU Advisor for waste and environmental policy at the Brussels office of the German waste management federation BDE, where I covered the new Circular Economy Action Plan, the EU



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Batteries Regulation and the End-of-Life Vehicles Directive among other files.

### Tell us a little bit about yourself. What are your hobbies, where are you from, etc.?

I'm French and German and grew up in Stuttgart in Germany. I speak fluently French and German, next to English, what I see to be quite useful at EuRIC. Despite the bad weather, I like very much living and working in Brussels. This surely also has to do with the very multicultural aspect of this town. I like music and sports a lot, including swing dance, as well as painting if time permits.



### Denuo Webinar / Brussels & online / 2 February 2022

EuRIC Technical Officer Rikarnto Bountis participated in a webinar on the challenges and needs for recycling capacities for lithium-ion batteries organised by Denuo, EuRIC's Belgian member federation. During the webinar, Rikarnto gave an overview about the ongoing Batteries Directive revision and answered questions from the audience. Thank you Denuo for the invitation to speak about such an important topic!

### Side-Event / Europe-Africa Business Summit / Online / 16 February 2022

EuRIC Secretary General Emmanuel Katrakis participated in a panel discussion during a high-level side event on Circular Economy within the framework of the 7<sup>th</sup> Europe – Africa Business Summit. Emmanuel answered questions such as "What are the main factors that have contributed to the expansion of recycling activities in Europe in the past years and what lessons can be learnt for the development of Africa's recycling industry?" and engaged with various stakeholders.



## EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS ACTIVITIES



### EUROPEAN COMMISSION

#### Call for Evidence / Waste Framework Directive / 25 January 2022

The European Commission opened a call for evidence regarding the revision of the Waste Framework Directive and received feedback from 198 stakeholders upon closing date. You can find all received feedback, incl. EuRIC feedback [here](#).

#### Publication / Summary Record SUP / 27 January 2022

The European Commission [has published](#) the Summary Record (16/11/2021) for the meeting of the Committee for the adaptation to scientific and technical progress and implementation of Directive 2008/98/EC on Waste (Directive on Single-use-plastic).

#### Remarks / EU Taxonomy Complementary Climate Delegated Act / 2 February 2022

The European Commission [has published](#) the remarks by Commissioner McGuinness at the press conference on the EU Taxonomy Complementary Climate Delegated Act.

#### New Rules / Reporting SUP / 7 February 2022

The European Commission [has adopted](#) new rules specifying how EU Member States must calculate and report on the reduction in their consumption of single-use plastic food containers and beverage cups under the Single-use Plastics Directive. This will support the implementation of Directive (EU) 2019/904, which requires Member States to report each year data to the Commission on single-use plastic products which have been placed on the market and to provide information on the measures taken in order to reduce the consumption of such products. You can find more information on the rules on single-use plastics [here](#).

### **Feedback / RoHS Directive / 14 February 2022**

The European Commission [has opened](#) the period to provide feedback on the Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS). The feedback period is open until 14 March 2022 and more information on the RoHS Directive can be found [here](#).

### **Publication / Summary Report Textiles Strategy / 16 February 2022**

The European Commission [has published](#) a factual summary report of all answers (544) received to the Open Public Consultation (OPC) on the EU Sustainable Textiles Strategy. This report provides a factual summary of the results of the OPC held in the context of the preparation of the upcoming EU Strategy for Sustainable Textiles .

### **Publication / Green Deal Investments / 17 February 2022**

The European Commission [has announced](#) an investment of over €110 million into LIFE programme integrated projects for environmental and climate protection, selected after a call for proposals covering the year 2020. The funding will support new major environmental and climate projects in 11 EU countries - Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland and Slovenia.

### **Public Consultation / Microplastic Pollution / 22 February 2022**

The European Commission [has opened](#) a Public Consultation aiming to reduce microplastic pollution impact on the environment. This initiative aims to tackle microplastics unintentionally released into the environment. It will focus on labelling, standardisation, certification and regulatory measures for the main sources of these plastics. Feedback to the public consultation can be submitted until 17 May 2022.

### **Adoption / Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence / 23 February 2022**

The European Commission [has adopted](#) a proposal for a Directive on corporate sustainability due diligence. The proposal aims to foster sustainable and responsible corporate behaviour throughout global value chains.



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

### **Adopted Text / Common Chargers for Electronic Devices / 21 January 2022**

The Council of the EU [has agreed](#) on a negotiating mandate for the common charger proposal. The proposal aims to make sure that it is no longer needed to buy a new charger every time you purchase a new mobile phone or similar item and that all devices can be recharged using the same charger. The proposal should reduce the electronic waste associated with the production, transportation and disposal of chargers.



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

### **Publication / Draft Report POPs / 9 February 2022**

The European Parliament [has published](#) the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) draft report on the proposal for a regulation to amend the Regulation on persistent organic pollutants (POPs).

### **Press Release / Battery Regulation / 10 February 2022**

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) [has adopted](#) with 74 votes in favour, 8 against and 5 abstentions, its position on proposed rules to govern the entire battery product life cycle, from design to end-of-life. MEPs agreed with the Commission's approach to overhaul current legislation to take into account technological developments and amended provisions in several areas, including the introduction of a new category of "batteries for 'light means of transport' (LMT)", such as e-bikes.

### **Publication / Report on harmonization of EU Environmental Law / February 2022**

The European Parliament's PETI Committee [has published](#) a report on the harmonization of EU Environmental Law. The study analyses the clarity and adaptability of EU environmental law and how these could be improved by means

### Publication / Green Taxes / 7 February 2022

The European Environment Agency (EEA) [has published](#) a briefing that shows that revenues from environmental taxes can support transition investments but future revenue streams from these taxes will erode as European Union (EU) environmental and climate policy objectives are achieved. The relative share of environmental taxes to total tax revenues has also declined in the past two decades.

### Publications / Circularity in Textiles / 10 February 2022

The European Environment Agency (EEA) has published two briefings ([1,2](#)) looking at circularity in textiles and design. One is entitled “Circular business models and smarter design can reduce environment and climate impacts from textiles” and the other one “Textiles and the environment: the role of design in Europe’s circular economy”.

## EU-FUNDED PROJECTS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Horizon Europe - A competitive and sustainable European battery value chain

Under Cluster 5 ‘Climate, Energy & Mobility, new calls will be open through ‘Destination 2: A competitive and sustainable European battery value chain’. The deadline for submission of proposals is **6 September 2022**.

All battery topics fall under Partnership Batt4EU, a contractual public-private partnership that aims at covering the full value chain (from raw materials to end-of-life).

Know more about Cluster 5 [here](#)



### LIFE 2022 Call for Proposals



Publication dates and submission deadlines for **LIFE 2022 Calls for proposals** are now available [here](#).

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, 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.



All the calls for applications are available through the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#)






## METABUILDING - Construction & Recycling sectors' collaborations through GROW/HARVEST CALL

METABUILDING GROW/HARVEST Call will be open from 1 March to 25 May 2022 with the aim to stimulate the cross-sectoral collaboration of SMEs in the framework of innovative projects with a **grant of maximum 60.000 EUR per project**. The collaborative projects should serve as a basis to help SMEs to learn from what is going on in other sectors and use knowledge, expertise and technology assets from other sectors to increase their performance and productivity.

Project proposals need to respond to one of the 4 challenges, including **Recycling and Circular Economy**. All the details about this call [here](#).

### EURIC IN THE PRESS

01/01/2022	Eine neue Verordnung zur Abfallverbringung: Die EU ist gefordert	
01/01/2022	EU-Textilstrategie als Booster für das Alttextilrecycling	
20/01/2022	2022, un año crucial para la industria del reciclaje	
27/01/2022	Simpler design seen as key to recycling-friendly food wrappers	
28/01/2022	EuRIC reclama modificar el reglamento de traslado de residuos para proteger la industria de reciclaje europea	
15/02/2022	EuRIC backs ENVI Committee on revision of Battery Regulation	
15/02/2022	EuRIC respalda las propuestas del Parlamento Europeo sobre gestión y reciclaje de baterías	
16/02/2022	EuRIC Backs the ENVI Committee on the Revision of the Battery Regulation	
20/02/2022	Obvezujuće mjere o baterijama odigrat će ključnu ulogu u zelenoj tranziciji	
22/02/2022	EU recovered paper exports to India remain tangled in red tape	
22/02/2022	Spedizioni di rifiuti, i riciclatori: “Armonizzare end of waste tra Stati Ue”	

## EVENTS

**INNOVATIONSFORUM  
RECYCLINGREGION  
HARZ**

**05. BIS 06. MAI 2022**  
Info und Anmeldung:  
[www.recyclingregion-harz.de](http://www.recyclingregion-harz.de)

**24<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
RECOVERED  
PAPER CONFE-  
RENCE 2022**

**24 MARCH**  
ESTREL HOTEL  
BERLIN

Werner Steingäß, bvse-Vicepresident,  
Chairman bvse Paper Recycling Division

**ONLINE-  
REGISTRATION:**  
[HTTPS://ALTPAPIERTAG.BVSE.DE/EN](https://altpapieritag.bvse.de/en)

Invitation to the  
24<sup>th</sup> International  
Recovered Paper  
Conference 2022!

After last year's virtual conference, we are delighted to inform you that this year's conference can once again take place face to face.

Of course, for those unable to attend the conference in Berlin in person, we will offer the opportunity to follow the conference via live stream once again.

The conference will offer exclusive information, top-class experts and we will take a look at future directions.

Yours  
Werner Steingäß

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A collaboration of UK events for resource and waste management

**14-15  
SEPT  
NEC**

**CIRCULAR ECONOMY  
STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE**

TOWARDS A NEW NORMAL: SUSTAINABLE  
PRODUCTS FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION

1-2 MARCH 2022

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European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform

European Economic and Social Committee  
European Commission  
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