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WELCOME TO BEN!

What are your main responsibilities at EuRIC?

As the new Communication Advisor my responsibilities include the development and implementation of a new communications strategy for EuRIC. The Communication Advisor position is a new role that combines functions previously shared by the EuRIC team. As part of this part-time role, I will be working 3 days per week on tasks such as managing relations with media, drafting the members' newsletter and curating new content for EuRIC's communications channels including social media, the website and the members' platform.

Can you tell us more about your educational background and previous work experience?

I graduated with a degree in Economics, Politics and Law from Dublin City University before completing further study at the College of Europe and a Master's degree in Psychology. I have accumulated more than 7 years of experience in communications for a variety of different Brussels-based organisations, including the European paper and bio-based industries.

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

Born in London and having grown up mostly in Ireland, I have both Irish and British nationality. Before moving to Brussels, I spent time studying and working in France, Poland and Armenia. Fascinated by Europe and having visited 42 European countries, my ambition is to visit all of Europe! Psychology has always intrigued me and more specifically I am interested in how diet and nutrition influence human psychology. Otherwise, I am an avid swimmer and enjoy playing golf, something that is not always possible in rainy Belgium or Scotland where I spend most of my time!



EU legislative & policy updates



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Member State non-compliance with EU law

The European Commission [has published](#) its monthly list of decisions outlining legal action it is pursuing against Member States for failure to comply with EU law.

Battery safety

The Joint Research Centre, an EU scientific research body, [has elaborated](#) on means to produce more resource-efficient batteries as well as how to recycle them.

Deforestation

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), an EU advisory body, has published its [opinion](#) on the proposal concerning exports and market availability of certain commodities and products linked to deforestation and forest degradation.

EU Environment Action Programme

The European Commission [has presented](#) a list of headline indicators for monitoring progress towards the EU's 2030 environment and climate goals, as well as the 2050 long-term vision to 'live well, within planetary boundaries'.

Trade with Ukraine & Belarus

The Joint Research Centre [has also provided](#) a data-based overview of [Ukraine's](#) and [Belarus'](#) trade in non-food raw materials, with an emphasis on both country's trade relations with the EU in the context of the war in Ukraine.



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Czech EU Presidency

The Czech EU Presidency has [outlined](#) its priorities for the environment to members of the European Parliament's environment committee (ENVI), which includes agreements on the Fit for 55 files; the nature restoration law; protecting vulnerable households during the green transition; and global cooperation on climate and environment. Members of the European Parliament questioned the Czech minister on preparations for the UN Conferences on Climate Change (COP27) and Biodiversity (COP15), as well as the impact of the war in Ukraine on the environment.

Adoption of deforestation regulation

The European Parliament [has adopted](#) its position with 60 votes to 2 and 13 abstentions on the Commission proposal for a regulation on deforestation-free products to halt EU-driven global deforestation. The opinion of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) can be consulted [here](#).



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Environment council

The Council of the EU [has published](#) draft minutes of its latest environment council which discussed deforestation and waste shipments amongst other items.

Emissions reduction

The European Environment Agency [has published](#) a briefing on the National Emission reduction Commitments Directive reporting the current status in 2022. This briefing describes EU & Member State progress towards reducing emissions of the five main air pollutants.



Construction Products Regulation

CEN and CENELEC have [prepared](#) a response to the consultation launched by the European Commission on its proposal to revise the Construction Products Regulation (CPR). The two European standardisation organisations welcome the proposal's objective to achieve a well-functioning Single Market for construction products, avoid overlap of EU legislation and contribute to the EU's objectives of the green and digital transition.

EU funding opportunities

Apply for the EU's LIFE 2022 Call to turn your green project ideas into reality!

The LIFE programme, which is the EU's main funding instrument for the environment and climate action, has recently published the 2022 **call for proposals**.

LIFE is divided into 4 subprogrammes. Under '**Circular Economy and Quality of Life**', LIFE co-finances projects in the area of **recovery of resources from waste** (WEE, ELVs, plastics, textiles, packaging, batteries, construction, etc.) and the **circular economy and environment** (activities linked to circular design, recycled content, digital product passport, etc.).



EuRIC has prepared an **info pack** with the main characteristics of the LIFE programme and the specific conditions related to circular economy and waste. [You can consult the info pack here.](#)

Funding your environment projects (2021-2027)



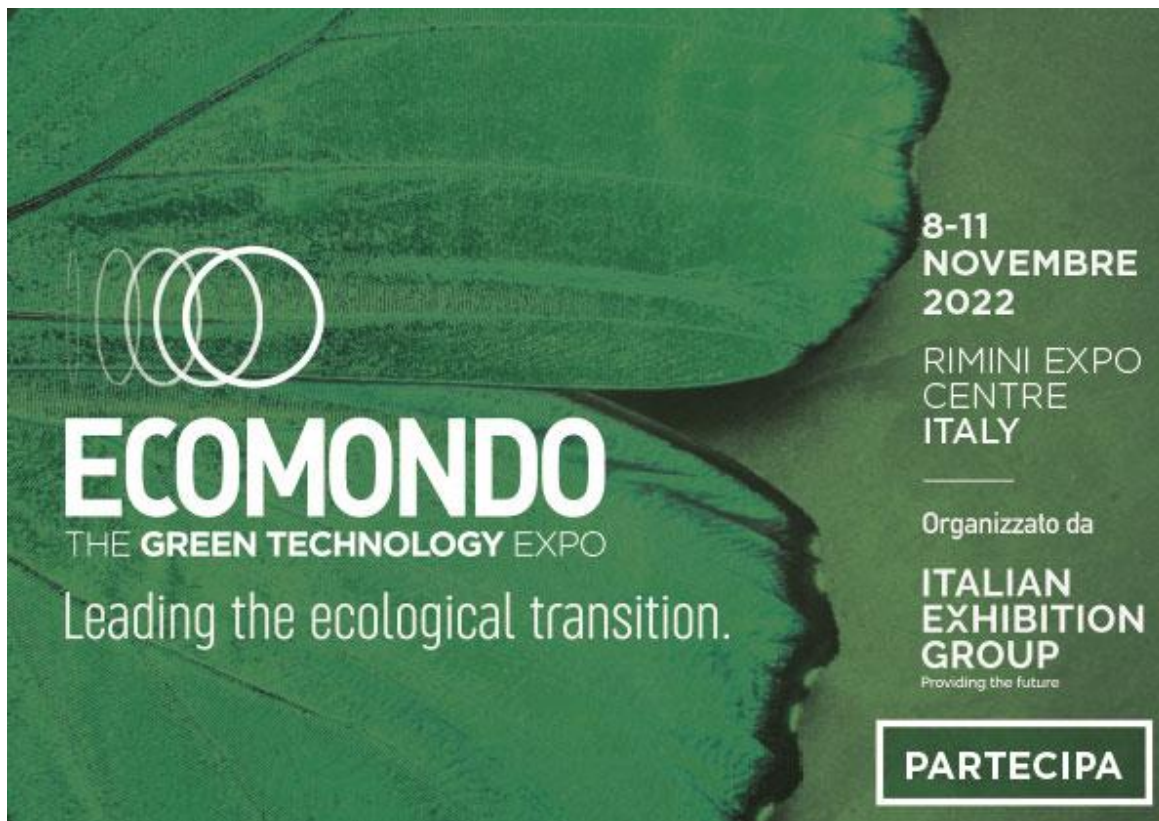
The EU's financial support for the environment is spread across several different EU funding programmes.

The European Commission has published a guidebook designed to be a quick and practical reference for those wishing to finance projects that support the environmental objectives of the European Green Deal and/or that contribute to the implementation of the EU environmental acquis. The guidebook can be consulted [here](#).



All calls for proposals under EU funding programmes are available through the EU's [Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Promoted events



SteelOrbis | IREPAS
STEELORBIS FALL 2022 CONFERENCE & 87th IREPAS MEETING
9-11 October, 2022
Monaco
Fairmont Monte Carlo

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#EUCircularTalks
EU Textiles Strategy in Motion
What does it mean for the future of textiles?
26 September 2022 - 14:30 - 16:00