



EU Circular Economy

EP ENVI Committee: Consideration of amendments

During the meeting of the ENVI Committee on 29 September 2016, the Rapporteur, most of the shadow rapporteurs as well as some other MEPs took the opportunity to highlight a few general areas on which they had tabled amendments or wanted to provide their views.

With regard to Article 22 'Biowaste', MEP Bonafé briefly noted the amendments tabled on the removal of the conditionalities 'where technically, environmentally and economically practicable' (TEEP) and setting a bio-waste recycling-target. MEP Demesmaeker and MEP Jávor expressed support for the separate collection of bio-waste, with MEP Jávor explicitly calling for mandatory recycling targets for the bio-waste stream. MEP Pedicini called for an organic collection target by 2020. Several MEPs referenced the recent developments in the Council, and MEP Bonafé stated that the parliament should therefore stand firm against these efforts to lower the ambition of the package. There was no official decision made to delay the 7 November vote.



For **ECN members** a summary of the meeting is available in the internal part of the ECN website (TG_Circular Economy).

Publication

GORC Abstract Book

GORC took place in Dublin, Ireland in May 2016. It brought together stakeholders to discuss the latest commercial and technical developments, challenges and future circular bioeconomy opportunities in the biological treatment of organic resources and the sustainable use of its products.

In total there were 18 interesting presentations given. Here are just a few examples for the speeches from a wide range of topics:

- Henrik Lystad, Chairman, European Compost Network: **An Anaerobic Digestion/Compost Plant Operator in the Year 2050**
- Eric Liégeois, European Commission: **EU Fertiliser Regulations**
- Dr Jane Gilbert, Carbon Clarity, UK and Vice Chair of the ISWA Working Group on Biological Treatment: **Carbon, Nutrients and Soil**



The congress book is available for download [here](#).

New draft regulation

Proposal for an EU Regulation on GHG Emissions from land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF)

The EU Commission presented a package of measures to accelerate the shift to low-carbon emissions in all sectors of the economy in Europe. The global low-carbon transition is already underway and gaining momentum, following the adoption of the first universal climate change agreement last December.

In 2014, EU leaders agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels across all sectors of the economy. Today's proposals present binding greenhouse gas emission targets for Member States from 2021-2030 for the transport, buildings, agriculture, waste and land use and forestry sectors. These national targets contribute to the overall EU target.



The new framework also takes into account changes in the soil organic matter pool. Under Article 5(4) it is pointed out that 'Member states shall include in their accounts for each land accounting category any change in the carbon stock of the carbon pools'.

More information about LULUCF and the full legislative proposal is available [here](#).

Waste-to-Resources

Announcement and Call for papers

Waste-to-Resources Congress: 16-18 May 2017 in Hanover (DE)

Wasteconsult International and the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Stoffspezifische Abfallbehandlung (ASA - ECN member) are organising this international congress. During the conference simultaneous translation (English - French - German) is provided.

The conference will cover several topics e.g.

- Targets, legal aspects, boundary values
- Waste treatment technologies compared
- Recycling and reuse of materials and devices
- Process control and analytics
- Anaerobic digestion of organic waste fractions

If you are interested to become an author at Waste-to-Resources, please submit your abstract information until the **2 December 2016** to info@wasteconsult.de.

More information on the conference and on the Call for papers is available [here](#).

Announcement - Seminar

The Polish way to a circular economy

The European Environmental Bureau and Zerowaste Europe are organising a seminar in Poznan, Poland on 11 October 2016 from 9:00-18:00 h.

The seminar consists of four sessions:

- Diagnosis and strategy for the circular economy
- Good practices facilitating a circular economy in Poland
- Building a roadmap to a circular economy. Successful strategic planning
- What's next for CE in Poland?

Prior online registration is necessary. Please follow the link [here](#).

More information including the programme is available [here](#).

Save the date!

Soil Stakeholders' conference in Brussels

The Directorate General for Environment of the European Commission organizes a 'Soils Stakeholders' conference' in Brussels on 5 December 2016, 9:30 – 18:00. This event is a contribution of the European Commission to the World Soil Day 2016 aiming at raising awareness on the importance of soils and the ecosystem services that they deliver. It is also part of the implementation of the EU Soil Thematic Strategy.

The objective of this conference is to present the outcomes of the inventory and gap analysis of soil-related legislations at EU and Member states level, and the MAES Soil ecosystem services project. This will lead to a discussion on challenges and further policy developments with stakeholders.

Registrations are now open [here](#).

More details, including the draft conference programme are available [here](#).

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