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FEAD, the European trade association of private waste management companies, starts the year with a new leading team.



Peter Kurth, President of FEAD's German member, BDE ¹, becomes FEAD's new President, while **Valérie Plainemaison**, who was, until now, the European representative of FEAD's French member, FNADE ², is appointed General Secretary of FEAD.

'I'm proud and honored to become the new President of FEAD', said Peter Kurth, while acknowledging FEAD and the companies that it represents have a determining role to play in the success of the EU Green Deal. With more than 320 000 employees across Europe, and over 5 billion euros invested each year, private waste management companies are key in making the circular economy happen on the ground.

Much more needs to be done to fight climate change and in achieving a circular economy. Additional annual investments of 260 to 300 billion euros are required for decarbonising the whole EU economy, as estimated by Ursula Von der Leyen's EU Green Deal.

'This is an extremely ambitious challenge. Yet I am convinced that FEAD will be a solid, long-term partner for discussion with the EU legislator in this matter, bringing forward facts and figures that clearly illustrate market needs, and that explains how our industry treats and transforms waste into resource in an environmentally sound way.

Building on the dialogue with the EU institutions undertaken by my predecessor, Jean-Marc Boursier, who will remain as Vice-President of FEAD, along with Cesare Spreafico ³, I will tirelessly continue in his footsteps and advocate FEAD's vision for a successful EU Green Deal. This is based on three robust pillars: a strong demand to **boost recycling markets**; using **fair competition** as the cornerstone for dynamic, efficient, affordable waste management, and a full recognition of the **avoided CO2 emissions** by the entire waste management chain. Key tools should include mandatory recycled contents, green public procurement, adequate rules for exports within and outside the EU, eco-design, eco-labelling, and the acknowledgement of avoided CO2 emissions through the whole recycling and recovery chain.'

FEAD is the European federation representing the private waste and resource management industry across Europe. FEAD's members are national waste management associations covering 19 EU Member States, and Norway. Our companies play a key role in the transition to a circular economy by producing resources which can be reinjected in the economy and by supplying energy recovered from waste. They add value through innovative collection, sorting, recycling of secondary raw materials, material or energy recovery, in a competitive environment. In doing so, they play a key role in achieving the best economic and environmental outcomes. For further information, you can find us on Twitter: @FEADInfo & LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/company/fead-waste](https://www.linkedin.com/company/fead-waste) and at [fead.be](https://www.fead.be).

¹ Bundesverband der Deutschen Entsorgungs-, Wasser- und Rohstoffwirtschaft, www.bde.de

² Fédération nationale des Activités de la Dépollution et de l'Environnement, www.fnade.org

³ FISE Federazione Impresi di Servizi, <http://www.fise.org>

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