

Press Release

FEAD welcomes the updated EU Industrial Strategy: an industrial vision for circularity

Brussels, 5 May 2021 - Today, the European Commission [updated the EU Industrial Strategy](#). **FEAD, the European Waste Management Association**, representing the private waste management industry across Europe, **welcomes the strategy** which has been revised to reflect the post-covid era. We now have great expectations this Industrial Strategy will be working towards facilitating and strengthening a fair and open EU **single market**.

- The Industrial Strategy reiterates that **enhancing circular economy and increasing the collection and recycling of raw materials, as well as strengthening the market for secondary raw materials** are crucial instruments in boosting the green transition and accomplishing the European Green Deal targets and objectives.
- We consider it a positive sign that the EC identifies the **strategic dependencies in the areas of raw materials, batteries, and energy**, as we share the same concerns, and we also bring solutions. The EU Industrial Strategy should encompass a holistic approach towards closing the loop in energy, by recognising the beneficial role of the recovery of energy from waste, which is partially a renewable source.
- The EU industrial Strategy also needs a **smoother functioning of waste shipments rules**, as intra-EU waste movements are essential to the whole waste management chain which is largely cross-border.
- FEAD supports the need to **accelerate both the green and the digital transitions**. Under the fit-for-55 package, the **EU ETS** should prioritise large emissions caused by the material and energy content of products/energy processes. It should not include, however, Waste-to-Energy activities which are integral to the circular economy, and account for only 1,5% of the total EU CO2 emissions, while having the capacity to avoid yearly 120 Mt in 2030 with energy generated from waste.
- Ambitious policies including **mandatory recycled contents** in packaging and in a series of other products are crucial to trigger more investments along the recycling chain, transforming the manufacturing sector into a circular model. The SUP Directive and the recently proposed Regulation on Batteries are very positive examples of such decisive evolutions by the EU legislator, and to which FEAD is a proponent.

These tools are all indispensable when dealing with challenging sectors in the whole value chain and will help achieve the ambitious targets for a green transition.

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