

FEAD calls for circular resources for a European Industrial Deal in its Manifesto for the 2024 EU elections

Brussels, 07 May 2024 – Ahead of the 2024 European elections, FEAD, the European Waste Management Association, has published its [manifesto](#), calling for circular resources for a European Industrial Deal and proposing the establishment of a Circular Material Use Act.

The manifesto serves as a call to action for the next term of European Institutions. **It emphasises the need to prioritise a European Industrial Deal that makes Europe's industry sustainable, competitive, and circular.**

Furthermore, **it highlights the need for a Circular Material Use Act (CMUA) to enact comprehensive policies encompassing waste management and the transformation of waste materials into productive resources for industrial production.** As Claudia Mensi, FEAD's President highlights 'for the circular economy to function, there needs to be a constant demand for recycled materials that compete with the quality standards and prices of virgin materials'.

The manifesto parts from the [Vision for 2030](#), which FEAD published in February. Thus, the CMUA should establish **two legally binding targets**:

- **A Circular Material Use Rate target of 25% by 2030, 30% by 2040, and 35% by 2050.**
- **A target of 75% for the recycling of all waste materials in the EU by 2035.**

These targets will support shifting Europe's material use towards recycled materials and foster innovation in a thriving circular economy. In addition, to drive the transition towards a comprehensive circular economy, the CMUA will need to act on 5 key levers:

- 1. Aligning industrial production to the circular economy**
- 2. Strengthening EU autonomy over its supply of resources**
- 3. Harnessing the potential of waste management and the circular economy towards climate change mitigation measures**
- 4. Establishing an enforcement mechanism for European waste management legislation**
- 5. Ensuring there is a competitive market for waste management**

For more information, please refer to our [manifesto](#).

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