



**ISWA EU  
NEWSLETTER**

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### **Future procedure of WEEE**

The Swedish presidency reports an ambitious meeting schedule regarding WEEE and ROHS. A first meeting took place in the beginning of July and then around every third week. For 22 December a progress report is to be presented by Council, exploring the possibility of first reading agreement with the European Parliament.

The working party for the Environmental Committee met in July in Brussels, making preparations for the WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic) and RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) directives. Read more and download agenda here:

[http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings\\_news/2009/7/9/agenda\\_-\\_working\\_party\\_on\\_the\\_environment\\_16\\_and\\_17\\_july\\_2009](http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/7/9/agenda_-_working_party_on_the_environment_16_and_17_july_2009)

At the European Parliament the draft report on WEEE is being worked on by Parliament Rapporteur Karl-Heinz Florenz and will be delivered to the new Parliament after elections. All stakeholder consultations available on line here:

[http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/weee\\_2008\\_review/library](http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/weee_2008_review/library)

### **Green public procurement for a better environment – ten groups for consultation**

A first set of criteria for green public procurement has been presented by the Commission for ten product groups: aircon and heat pumps, boilers, CHP - combined heat and power, hard floor coverings, mobile phones, road construction and traffic signs, street lighting and traffic signals, thermal insulation, wall panels, and windows.

All product sheets contain criteria regarding the production of hazardous waste and the generation of waste material, including hazardous wastes and packaging and its disposal. For some products there are specific demands on external waste management, affecting the waste management industry. Otherwise the verification of compliance is usually: “An environmental management system (such as EMAS, or ISO 14001) if covering and attesting environmental management capacities as laid down in the selection criteria, shall be recognised as evidence of compliance, as will an appropriate type I Ecolabel or some other written proof of compliance.”

The criteria are developed in close cooperation with relevant Commission services, industry, civil society and Member States. These criteria have been finalised after a number of stakeholder consultations. Before finalising the Green Public Procurement (GPP) criteria for this set of GPP criteria and proposing them for formal endorsement to the Member States, the Commission has opened a consultation, firmly ending 31 August. For all information and availability to download relevant documents:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/consultation\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/consultation_en.htm)

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### **CO2 reduction potential in European waste management**

In October 2008 a preliminary report was published covering the waste management sectors potential to reduce CO2 in Europe. The final report “Resource Savings and CO2 Reduction Potential in Waste Management in Europe and the Possible Contribution to the CO2 Reduction Target in 2020” is now ready and available upon request.

You find the summary here:

[http://www.prognos.com/fileadmin/pdf/publikationsdatenbank/SUMMARY\\_Resource\\_savings\\_and\\_CO2\\_reduction\\_potentials\\_200810.pdf](http://www.prognos.com/fileadmin/pdf/publikationsdatenbank/SUMMARY_Resource_savings_and_CO2_reduction_potentials_200810.pdf)

Find information about the project here

<http://www.prognos.com/CO2-study.609.0.html>

### **Handbook on environmental compliance and enforcement programs**

The second edition of the Principles of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Handbook is designed as a field reference book for environmental compliance practitioners. It is a unique compendium of tools, strategies, best practices and case examples on designing, implementing and evaluating effective environmental compliance and enforcement programs.

This handbook can be downloaded here:

<http://inece.org/principles/>

### **Waste minimisation – chargers for mobile phones**

With the aim to lessen the inconvenience for users and to minimise the generation of waste, mobile phone chargers will be harmonised within the European Union. The Commission has made a voluntary agreement with Digital Europe who combines 40 national digital technology associations from 28 European countries. The agreement is voluntary and the industry commitment will avoid legislation. Read more about the agreement here: <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/rtte/chargers.htm>

Read the Commission press release here:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1049&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### **Waste transports in Europe 2001-2006**

The Commission has presented a report to the Council and the Parliament on the generation, treatment and transboundary shipments of hazardous waste and other waste in the European member states 2001-2006. The report is a part of the implementation of the European Regulation from 1993 on supervision and control of shipments of waste within, into and out of the European Community (Regulation no 259/93). The answers to the Commissions questions have been provided by Member States and the quality of responsible was variable. The information shows that 85 % of the waste shipped into the EU-15 was recovered and at least 98 % of the EU-15 shipments since 2001 went to EU-25 and EFTA countries.

Read the full report here:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2009:0282:FIN:EN:PDF>

### **Renewable energy templates for Member States**

The directive on promotion of renewable energy requires Member States to submit a National Renewable Energy Action Plan (NREAP) to the European Commission by

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mid-2010. A template has now been presented and it is obligatory for Member States to give the required information. The information will be used to create Action Plans, to ensure that action plans are complete and cover all the requirements laid down in the Directive. The template will ensure that the action plans are comparable with each other and with future Member States biannual reports on the implementation of the Directive. Data is required for the biodegradable fraction of municipal solid waste.

Read more here:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/transparency\\_platform\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/transparency_platform_en.htm)

You find the Commission press release here:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1055&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Find the complete report on templates here:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/doc/nreap\\_adoptedversion\\_30\\_june\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/doc/nreap_adoptedversion_30_june_en.pdf)

### **IEEP Report on national climate priorities**

Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) has reviewed the actions taken to address climate and energy priorities in the EU Member States. The report also covers prospects for implementation of the climate action and renewable energy package.

The review is made with support from the European Climate Foundation. The report states that outside the power and ETS sectors, the transport and building sectors are in focus for measures to reduce emissions. More limited mechanisms are presented within the fields of agriculture and waste.

Some countries have presented waste policies addressing emissions; however, these tend to focus on the reduction of methane emissions via the more effective use of biodegradable waste, in accordance with the requirements of the Landfill Directive.

Find the full report here:

<http://www.ieep.eu/whatsnew/newsitem.php?item=198>

### **G8 want to half greenhouse gases**

The G8 meeting in L'Aquila in Italy resulted in a Declaration of the Leaders the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate including an agreement to halve greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The motivation is to stop the global temperature rising more than 2 degrees Celsius. The waste sector is not specifically mentioned but is included in the more specific actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Read the full declaration here:

[http://www.g8italia2009.it/static/G8\\_Allegato/MEF\\_Declaration1.0.pdf](http://www.g8italia2009.it/static/G8_Allegato/MEF_Declaration1.0.pdf)

### **Confirmed vote on Ireland**

Ireland has now confirmed that elections regarding the Lisbon treaty will take place on 2 November.

### **Waste and Climate Conference, Copenhagen December 2009**

As a prelude to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, a Waste Conference has been organised by ISWA and their Danish member Dakofa. The intention is to present how intelligent waste management plays an important role in the efforts to reduce the climate change. The conference is already open for registration.

You find preliminary program and registration here:

<http://www.wasteandclimate.org>

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