



PRESS RELEASE

Private waste management industry strongly supports the Circular Economy Package

Last week, FEAD members contacted the President of the European Commission as well as several Commissioners to underline the importance of the Commission's Circular Economy Package for jobs, growth, and sustainable development in the European Union.

In the letters sent to the Commissioners, FEAD stressed that the private waste management and resources sector plays a key role in achieving a resource efficient Europe by turning waste into a valuable resource and thus improving the resource resilience of the EU's industrial base. FEAD reiterated that waste management industry welcomes the Commission's circular economy package designed to improve the efficiency with which resources including waste are managed in Europe.

FEAD members expressed that the direction of travel and the level of ambition set out in the proposal can only be applauded. Various studies as well as the impact assessment accompanying the proposal suggest there is a huge potential for creating jobs and growth as well as environmental benefits if the proposal is implemented.

FEAD Secretary General, Nadine De Greef: *"The Commission's leadership in this policy area as well as in a long-term European industrial strategy creating growth and jobs is essential to create the right market dynamics to turn the Circular Economy into reality. The Commission proposal is a good start in this direction."*

FEAD is aware that some of the detailed provisions in the Commission proposal need to be fine-tuned so as to make them practical and feasible. However, rather than withdraw the Circular Economy Package, FEAD members strongly believe it should be retained, with certain modifications to improve its effectiveness."

FEAD repeated that waste management industry is very keen to work with the European Commission, the European Parliament, and the other European institutions to make the proposal as practical and effective as possible.

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Note to the editor:

FEAD is the European federation representing the European waste management industry. FEAD's members are national waste management associations covering 18 Member States, Norway and Serbia. They have an approximate 60% share in the household waste market and handle more than 75% of industrial and commercial waste in Europe. Their combined annual turnover is approximately € 75 billion. FEAD represents about 3,000 companies with activities in all forms of waste management. These companies employ over 320,000 people who operate around 2,400 recycling and sorting centres, 1,100 composting sites, 260 waste-to-energy plants and 900 controlled landfills. They play an important role in the determination of the best environmental option for waste management problems.