

## INTERNAL 2010



# MUNICIPAL WASTE EUROPE

– promoting public responsibility for waste

## INTERNAL UPDATE 24

### WEEE in Council

EU environment ministers meet on 11 June in Luxembourg under the presidency of Elena Espinosa Mangana, the Spanish minister for the environment. Among the topics there will be a presentation of the draft directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment, the draft directive on the reduction of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, The Council is also expected to adopt conclusions

The summary of the Councils position was presented 1 June.

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/10/st10/st10351.en10.pdf>

The complete agenda for the 11 June meeting can be found here:

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_Data/docs/pressdata/en/envir/115063.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/envir/115063.pdf)

### Council conclusions on European 2020 Strategy:

The new European Strategy for jobs and growth has been approved in Council

The waste related issues are primarily:

- reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 20% compared to 1990 levels; increasing the share of renewables in final energy consumption to 20%; and moving towards a 20% increase in energy efficiency;

The EU is committed to taking a decision to move to a 30% reduction by 2020 compared to 1990 levels as its conditional offer with a view to a global and comprehensive agreement for the period beyond 2012, provided that other developed countries commit themselves to comparable emission reductions and that developing countries contribute adequately according to their responsibilities and respective capabilities;

The conclusions of the European Council is available here:

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/115346.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/115346.pdf)

### European Parliament Public Services Intergroup

Next week the Public Service Intergroup will meet again. The theme is the Evaluation of the Monti-Kroes package on State Aids. Joaquín Almunia, vice-president of the European Commission will participate in the meeting together with German Association of Cities and Association of French Regions.

More information about the Intergroup can be found here:

<http://mail.andsahlm.org/structu/m-europe.nsf/62569fb6fa5eb929c12566e20077b9ba/74fe7965d18c0a73c12576be004ba01b?OpenDocument>

### **Meeting with Commission on Concessions**

Together with German associations, Deutsche Städte- und Gemeindebund and the Association of Local Enterprises in Germany, a meeting has been held with we have been in contact with the Commission regarding concessions.

The minutes have been sent out separately to the Policy Committee.

A template to answer the open consultation on concession will be developed, and extra care is advised when preparing for the answers. Most questions are obligatory and no answers can be sent unless all questions are answered, raising the risk for unquantifiable answers.

### **Stakeholder meeting on revision of Waste Thematic Strategy**

The Commission is preparing for the review of the Thematic strategy on the prevention and recycling of waste, issued in 2005.

Next week on the 22 June the first stakeholder meeting will be held.

The Commission has issued a background paper including a summary of projects initiated to review the strategy.

The European Environmental Agency has also presented the following draft reports:

- The European Recycling Map
- Gross classification of European Recycling Policies in relation to the actual recycling achieved
- Recycling policies for selected waste streams in EEA member countries
- Some rough GHG calculations for selected waste streams.

All documents have been sent out separately.

### **This week:**

Commission DG Internal market on Concessions

CEMR Environmental officer on WEEE and other environmental issues

Sweden Energy Brussels office on the connection between waste and energy sector

### **Next week:**

European Parliament Services of General Interest Intergroup

European Commission Waste Thematic Strategy stakeholder meeting

Municipal Waste Europe Board meeting in Brussels

### *Not attended:*

European Parliament Environmental Committee vote on revision of WEEE directive

European Commission Thematic Strategy on Sustainable use of natural resources.

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Best regards,

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The Municipal Waste Europe office will be closed for summer vacation between 26 July and 30 August 2010.