

## INTERNAL 2010



# MUNICIPAL WASTE EUROPE

– promoting public responsibility for waste

## INTERNAL UPDATE 27

### **Sustainability – a target for the Belgian Presidency**

Next week the Belgian Presidency arranges in Ghent, Belgium an informal environmental Council for the environmental ministers of the Member States in the European Union (Council of the European Union).

The primary theme is the Sustainable Materials Management projects (SMM).

The Presidency wants to develop exchange ideas on SMMs and there is not limitation on the art of materials used. They can be raw materials, semi-processed products or waste products, but they are to be managed as efficiently and in as environmentally friendly a way as possible. The meeting will in detail concentrate on how to close cycles, especially how EU policy can promote waste reduction and recycling?

Other topics concentrate on the finite nature of raw materials and on the preparations to move towards an ambitious European materials policy. The ambition of the meeting is to discuss how current EU initiatives on raw materials, production and consumption, waste, etc., best can be coordinated and if new policy tools are needed.

Read more about the meeting here:

<http://www.eutrio.be/informal-environmental-council-sustainable-materials-management>

The program for the informal meeting can be found here:

[http://www.eutrio.be/files/bveu/media/documents/Press\\_Invitation\\_Environment\\_EN.pdf](http://www.eutrio.be/files/bveu/media/documents/Press_Invitation_Environment_EN.pdf)

### **Parliament wants legislation on biowaste**

This week the European Parliament voted in plenary on the green book on management of biowaste. The final vote expressed what has been clear through all committee discussions, the parliamentarians wants a separate directive on biowaste and wants the Commission to draft and propose such a legislation.

The Parliament wants legislation as it is thought to offer a greater clarity, better monitoring and enforcement as well as legal certainty, which in turn would inspire long-term confidence in public and private investors. The directive should establish mandatory separate collection systems to help the member states to reach their recycling and renewable energy targets and achieve the resource efficiency goals. Parliament also asks for quality-based classification of compost from biowaste.

The resolution in Parliament is however not legally binding and the Commission has earlier this year clearly stated it sees no need for binding legislation.

Read the final resolution of the Parliament here:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&reference=P7-TA-2010-0264&language=EN&ring=A7-2010-0203>

### **Intergroup in Parliament on Services on General Interest**

The Public Service Intergroup of the European Parliament discussed this week the implementation of the Services directive.

The work is based on article 14 in the Treaty of the European Union (Treaty of Lisbon) and the annexed Protocol 26 on Services of General Interest.

The group does not publish any working documents.

### **Municipal Waste Europe Employment progress**

Municipal Waste Europe is currently recruiting an office manager / communication assistant. The vacancy has been posted on a number of web-pages in Brussels, Flanders and the UK as well as with several of the member associations' webpages.

The number of applicants is currently satisfactory, and some very interesting résumés have been received. The applicants are evaluated from qualifications demanded: English, French (Dutch), computer skills, independent office management experience, Brussels or Belgium experience with additional points to candidates with experience from similar associations or the EU institutions. Their way to present them selves and their interest in the post is also evaluated.

The candidates will be short-listed with the assistance of the Board and the interviews will be carried out 19-21 July. The dead line for applications is 15 July.

The posted vacancy can be found here:

<http://www.municipalwasteurope.eu/officemanager.html>

### **This week**

The meeting between accountant, internal treasurer and secretary general has finally been carried out. The meeting developed the reporting format on the financial reports and established the cooperation between internal treasurer and accountant to control the finances.

The Board deadline for comments on Communication Plan and Policy, set after last Board meeting in order give time for thorough reading of proposed Plan and Policy has been passed. The present Plan and Policy has through default become the Boards proposal to the Policy Committee meeting in September.

SG preparation of all documents for Policy Committee in September, recruitment process, a lunch meeting on inter-cultural cooperation and the daily activities has taken the rest of the week.

### **Next week**

Meeting with RReuse on EWWR LIFE+ project on waste prevention

Finalising draft agenda and all attachents for Policy Committee meeting in September, for Presidents comments and input after vacation.

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

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