

Green transition: policy update

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Circular economy actions

✓ **Proposal for Packaging and Package Waste Regulation Directive**

Key **impacts for HORECA sector**:

- **Ban of single-use packaging** (restrictions) (article 22 and Annex V, points 3-5)
- **Targets on reusable packaging** for HORECA (article 26)
- **Obligations related to refill** (article 25)

Key alleviating measures:

- exemptions for smaller economic operators (see article 22, paragraph 3, and article 26, paragraph 14).
- entry into application of Annex V, point 3, has been postponed to 2030 (see article 22, paragraph 2).
- Commission is empowered to adopt further exemptions for reuse targets, in case of hygiene or food safety issues in particular (see article 26, paragraph 16(c))

✓ **Separating bio waste**

According to the **EU waste framework directive**, by 31 December 2023, all member states, citizens and businesses - including large and small HORECA establishments, will have to separate their biowaste for collection.



Measuring Environmental Footprint

- ✓ **Green claims initiative** - Commission proposal expected for 22 March
- ✓ **Call for tenders PEFCR for hotel accommodations:** *“Development of Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (“PEFCRs”) and acquisition of relevant Environmental Footprint (“EF”) compliant datasets for hotel accommodation sector”*. Expected publication – end March.
- ✓ **Capacity building event** - learn more on environmental footprint assessment and the PEF / OEF methods:
European Commission (with Studio Feschi&Soci, Green Soluce, Alda and ACCIO) invite to **capacity building event on Environmental Footprint on 28th February in Barcelona, Spain (hybrid)**.
Register: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/997a804d-9a0d-5f4f-3ac5-92cfc17d2256>
- ✓ **EU Tourism Dashboard** – with environmental pillar:
[EU Tourism Dashboard \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/eu-tourism/)



Fit for 55 package

Substantial number of trilogues took place in Nov-Dec 2022

December 2022, Council and EP reach provisional deal on:

- ✓ **Separate new ETS II** for fuel for road transport and buildings (heating) that will put a price on emissions from these sectors will be established by 2027. Fuel for other sectors such as manufacturing will also be covered. ETS II could be postponed until 2028 to protect citizens, if energy prices are exceptionally high.
- ✓ Establishing the **Social Climate Fund**, to be used by MS to finance measures and investments to address the impact of carbon pricing on vulnerable citizens and micro-enterprises.

Upcoming trilogues (Feb.-March):

- ✓ Renewable Energy Directive (RED)
- ✓ Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)
- ✓ Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR)
- ✓ Energy Performance of Building Directive (EPBD)
- ✓ Refuel EU Aviation Regulation
- ✓ Fuel EU Maritime Regulation



Calls, projects

✓ Connecting Europe by train

10 EU pilot projects to establish new rail services or improve existing ones



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Calls, projects

- **New thematic partnership on Sustainable Tourism under Urban Agenda**

Coordinators: Municipality of Genoa and Municipality of Galati

Partners: Andalusia Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport; Association for the Promotion of Tourism in Oradea and the Region (Visit Oradea)-APTOR; City of Porvoo; City of Šibenik; City of Venice; City of Zadar; Comunidade Intermunicipal da Região de Coimbra CIMRC (PT); Diputació de Barcelona (Barcelona Provincial Council); Eurocities; Fundació Visit València; ICLEI European Secretariat; Ljubljana Tourism; Ministry of Economics and Communication of Estonia; Mirabilia Network; Municipality of Heraklion; Municipality of Larissa; Narva City Government; Department for City Development and Economy; Rhine-Neckar Region Association; visit.brussels; DG REGIO; DG EMPL; DG GROW; DG CLIMA; EC Secretariat General; MARE; EAC; JRC



Calls, projects

- **Technical Support Instrument – Tourism flagship** (HR, ES, IT, SI, PT, MT, EL).

TSI-2023 edition launched

- **Climate change and adaptation:**

TRACE project (incl. part on climate change impacts on tourism demand)

CLIMA: EU-wide climate risk assessment (EUCRA) 2023-24

- ✓ **Databases on projects and funding:**

European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)

launched on 30 Jan [online public dashboard](#). The dashboard will allow everyone to find up to date information about the projects supported in each programme, cross-reference them and extract data for potential re-use. CEF, LIFE, HORIZON (climate, energy, transport), EMFAF, Innovation Fund.

Cohesion Open Data Platform 2021-2027 funds and programmes:

- cohesion policy (ERDF, ESF+, Cohesion Fund, Just Transition Fund, Interreg)
- other funds: EMFAF, Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, Border Management and Visa Instrument, Internal Security Fund.



Calls, projects

Coastal / maritime tourism

- ✓ **EMFAF Call for Proposals**, published on 19 Jan. 2023, closed 31 Jan.

Topic 5: promoting sustainable maritime and coastal tourism in the Outermost Regions (EUR 1 million available)

Topic 3: promoting sustainable transport and ports in the Mediterranean (EUR 2.4 million available)

- ✓ **Sustainable cruise tourism**: Final Report “Good Practices for Sustainable Cruise Tourism” @ [Cruise tourism \(europa.eu\)](https://cruise-tourism.europa.eu/)

