



**Brussels, 4 June 2025**

**Subject: Urgent call to advance the European Parliament's Plenary vote on the revised Waste Framework Directive (WFD)**

Dear Members of the European Parliament,

We are writing to express our **strong concerns regarding the recent postponement of the European Parliament's plenary vote on the revised Waste Framework Directive (WFD), now scheduled for October 2025.**

This four-month delay represents a significant setback for the establishment of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes for textiles – schemes that are urgently needed to tackle Europe's growing textile waste crisis. Every month of delay prolongs the funding gap for collection, preparing for reuse, and recycling activities, directly affecting commercial and social economy operators working on the ground to make circular textile systems a reality. This is all the more so regrettable as the EPR implementation period for Member States is of 30 months (instead of the 18 months as suggested by the European Parliament in its initial position).

For many collectors, preparing for reuse operators, recyclers, and local authorities, the continued uncertainty translates into postponed investments, stalled partnerships, and a lack of operational clarity – at a time when the volumes of textile waste separately collected is increasing, managing capacity has not expanded, nor have the outlets for the processed used textiles. Furthermore, the handling of non-reusable textiles (i.e. for recycling) remains costly for preparing for reuse operators, on top of the lack of market uptake for the recycled textile fibres. Without rapid implementation of EPR schemes across Europe, valuable reusable and recyclable materials will be lost, and a whole industrial ecosystem that is key to the circular transition will collapse.

While the postponement may appear to be a technical scheduling issue, its impact on people, the planet, and the EU's circular economy ambitions is very real. A timely adoption of the revised WFD is critical to provide the legal certainty and financial support needed to scale up textile waste management, keep materials in the loop across Europe, and enhance efforts on waste prevention.

**We therefore urge you to support bringing the plenary vote on the revised WFD forward before the summer break.** The textile sector – and the thousands of workers, enterprises and social economy actors striving to create a more sustainable future – cannot afford to wait any longer.

Thank you for your attention and continued efforts toward an ambitious and timely circular economy transition.

Yours sincerely,

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**EuRIC** represents the recycling industry at a European level. Gathering the vast majority of national recycling federations from EU/EEA Member States, the Confederation represents about 5,500+ recycling companies – from market leaders to SMEs – generating an aggregated annual turnover of about 95 billion € by treating various waste streams such as household or industrial & commercial waste including ferrous and non-ferrous metals, end-of-life vehicles (ELVs), electronic waste (WEEE), packaging (paper and plastics), end-of-life tyres or textiles.



**RREUSE** is Europe's largest network of social enterprises active in the circular economy, with a focus on reuse, repair and recycling. Social enterprises in our network annually collect over 1,2 million tonnes of goods with the intention of reuse and provide work opportunities for people facing barriers in the mainstream labour market. RREUSE members create, on average, 70 inclusive, local jobs per 1,000 tonnes of goods they collect with the intention of giving them a second life through reuse.



**FEAD** is the European Waste Management Association, representing the private waste and resource management industry across Europe, including 20 national waste management federations and 3,000 waste management companies. Private waste management companies operate in 60% of municipal waste markets in Europe and in 75% of industrial and commercial waste. This means more than 500,000 local jobs, fuelling €5 billion of investments into the economy every year.



**Municipal Waste Europe** represents European public responsibility for municipal waste management. Our members are municipalities and public waste management companies that play a crucial role in providing this Service of General Interest and in delivering a circular economy in Europe. We support the waste hierarchy, resource efficiency and the exchange of good practices to develop environmentally sound and efficient waste management systems in Europe.



**EEB** is Europe's largest network of environmental citizens' organisations, uniting over 185 member groups across 41 countries. The EEB advocates for progressive environmental policies within the EU and beyond. Its work spans climate change, biodiversity, circular economy, pollution, and sustainable agriculture. Guided by values like environmental justice, transparency, and participatory democracy, the EEB uniquely combines broad policy coverage with inclusive NGO membership, amplifying civil society's voice in shaping environmental governance.



**Zero Waste Europe** is a European network of communities, local leaders, experts, and change agents working towards a better use of resources and the elimination of waste in our society. We advocate for sustainable systems; for the redesign of our relationship with resources; and for a global shift towards environmental justice, accelerating a just transition towards zero waste for the benefit of people and the planet.



**ECOS**, Environmental Coalition on Standards, is an international NGO with a network of members and experts advocating for environmentally friendly technical standards, policies, and laws. Headquartered in Brussels and with our Africa office in Nairobi, we are active internationally.



**T2T Alliance** – Powering Policy for a Textile-to-Textile Future – brings together leading textile-to-textile recyclers Circ, Circulose, RE&UP, Syre and Samsara Eco to advocate for policies that enable a truly circular textile industry. By bringing T2T recyclers' expertise to the forefront, the T2T Alliance is driving policy change that supports a thriving, resilient and truly sustainable textile industry. The Alliance aims to accelerate circularity, making textile-to-textile recycling the industry standard for a more sustainable future.