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PRESS RELEASE

Launch of **FEAD Memorandum 2009-2014** **Priorities of the European waste management industry** *October 2009*

On 6 October 2009, FEAD (European Federation of Waste Management and Environmental Services) launched its FEAD Memorandum before invited representatives of the European Parliament, the European Commission and industry. The Memorandum sets out the priorities of the waste management industry for the next five years.

Carlo Noto La Diega, President of FEAD, welcomed the guests looking forward to a fruitful cooperation with both institutions. *“Our sector must comply with a wide range of legislation, thereby providing clear provisions for all operators which - if properly implemented and enforced – can ensure a high level of environmental and human health protection”*, the President said. **Nadine De Greef**, Secretary General of FEAD, presented the European association and its core activities. **Peter Kurth**, FEAD incoming-President, introduced the FEAD Memorandum 2009-2014 to the audience. He reported on the industry’s efforts to combat and prevent illegal shipments of waste and called for consistent inspection procedures. Consistent implementation of the Waste Framework Directive and a practicable and realistic new Industrial Emissions Directive are further priorities of the European waste management industry. He noted the sector’s contribution to environmental sustainability, stating that *“through innovation and investments, the private waste management sector creates the economic and technical basis for the European recycling society and security of raw materials”*. A further pillar of the FEAD Memorandum is the advocacy for a fair competition between public and private entities. *“Correct transposition of the waste framework directive is not the only central condition for further development of the internal market and for fair competition [...] in the area of waste management. Other crucial conditions for free and fair competition are a proper implementation and enforcement of European public procurement legislation together with equal tax treatment for public and private waste management undertakings”*, FEAD’s incoming-President said. **Dirk Hazell**, Chair of FEAD Management Committee, concluded the event in highlighting the European waste management industry’s contribution to the EU’s environmental, economic and social sustainability.

A visit to Apparec, a waste electrical and electronic equipments (WEEE) dismantling and recycling plant from the group Coolrec/Van Gansewinkel, was organised ahead of the cocktail reception. The President thanked FEGE-FEBEM and Apparec for the organisation of the technical visit, as well as BDE and BDI for hosting the event in their premises.

The FEAD Memorandum 2009-2014 – Priorities of the European Waste Management Industry
can be downloaded from the FEAD website:

www.fead.be

Note to the editor:

FEAD is the European Federation representing the European waste management industry. FEAD’s members are national waste management associations covering 19 Member States. 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 € 54 billion. FEAD represents about 3000 companies with activities in all forms of waste management. These companies employ over 295000 people who operate around 1800 recycling and sorting centres, 1100 composting sites, 260 waste-to-energy plants and 1100 controlled landfills. They play an important role in the determination of the best environmental option for waste management problems.

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