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## **FEAD POSITION ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE ON SERVICES IN THE INTERNAL MARKET**

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FEAD is the European Federation which represents the European waste management industry. Our members are national waste management associations, which have an approximate 60% share in the household waste market and handle more than 90% of industrial and commercial waste in Europe, with a collective annual turnover of € 50 billion.

We have 18 members from 17 EU Member States and Norway. FEAD represents companies with activities in all forms of waste management. These companies employ over 300 000 people who operate around 3 000 controlled landfills, 1 350 recycling and sorting centres, 1 000 composting sites and 350 incinerators and play an important role in the determination of the best environmental option for waste management problems.

FEAD is following with interest the lively discussion on the Proposal for a Directive on Services in the Internal Market.

Services generate almost 70% of GNP and jobs in the European Union. Creating a genuine internal market for services would be a major boost for the Lisbon Strategy, aiming at making the European Union the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world by 2010.

FEAD welcomes the results of the vote on Mrs. Gebhardt Report in the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) Committee on 22 November 2005 and uses the opportunity to draw the attention to the specific interests of the European waste management industry.

### **Scope**

FEAD welcomes the wording of the scope adopted by the IMCO Committee on 22 November 2005. The wording clarifies how the waste management sector is covered by the scope of the proposed Directive. This clarity was lacking in the preceding versions and we therefore call for the maintenance of the adopted wording in Plenary Session.

### **No lowering of environmental standards**

On a general basis, FEAD is of the opinion that any European initiative on services should not reduce the safeguards applied to the waste management. It is therefore of primary importance, that the proposed Directive does not imply the degradation of environmental standards.

FEAD will support the European Union's initiative of further improving the functioning of the internal market for services as long as a high protection of the environment, through the adequate implementation of European waste legislation in all Member States, is not endangered.

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