



European Federation of Wooden pallet and Packaging Manufacturers

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1. European wooden pallet and packaging industry assembles for the 73rd FEFPEB congress, 30 September, 1 & 2 October 2026 / Båstad (Sweden)

"Wood packaging in a resilient Europe"

The registration is closed, expecting 190 participants at this excellent networking event. Swedish Wood and FEFPEB have prepared a very interesting, Swedish flavoured programme.

Click [here](#) for more information about the speakers at the business session.

Wishing all congress friends a safe journey to Båstad and looking forward to meet everyone at the Welcome reception on 30 September 2026.

2. PPWR Update

a. Minimum number rotations re–usable packaging / Ramboll study

Please click [here](#) for our statement regarding Ramboll’s work on minimum rotations for reusable packaging under the PPWR, prepared and agreed by the Task Force PPWR.

It was sent to the *European Commission, Ramboll and other contacts in Brussels.*

We addressed our statement with the following introduction:

FEFPEB fully supports the PPWR’s objectives to strengthen circularity and promote reuse. However, following our review of the work concerning wooden pallets, we have serious concerns that the current assessment does not adequately reflect how pallet reuse operates in practice or provide a sufficiently representative basis for establishing a mandatory minimum number of rotations.

For the reasons set out in the attached statement, FEFPEB does not support the introduction of a mandatory minimum rotation requirement for wooden pallets on the basis of the current assessment. In particular, we believe that the evidence base and methodology should be reassessed, with meaningful involvement of the wooden pallet sector, before any such requirement is considered.

Wooden pallets already operate within mature systems of repeated use, repair, reconditioning, and recycling across Europe. Their circular performance cannot always be captured through individual rotation counts, particularly in open supply chains where pallets circulate between numerous users over many years.

We would therefore welcome the opportunity to engage directly with the Commission and Ramboll as this work progresses. FEFPEB stands ready to provide sector expertise, practical market knowledge and relevant industry data to support an assessment that accurately reflects the operational realities of wooden pallet reuse.

We would be grateful if you could take the attached statement into consideration in the next stages of the work and we remain available for a discussion at your convenience.

b. EU commissioner Jessika Roswall on PPWR implementation, SME’s and the Circular Economy Act

On Wednesday 18 september 2026, Members of the [European Parliament](#) debated the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation’s impacts on small businesses selling across EU borders. [Jessika Roswall](#) attended this debate and the Commissioner for Environment, water resilience and a competitive circular economy gave her view.

She accepted the widespread concerns and described the process of developing the Regulation as a “careful negotiation” between “the need to transform our packaging systems on the one hand, and the capacity of businesses to adapt on the other.”

Nevertheless, she conceded that “we cannot ask small companies selling small quantities across several Member States to set up authorized representatives in each national market.”

Roswall emphasized that SMEs are already permitted to source documentation from their packaging suppliers and are temporarily exempt from non-compliance fines, but accepted that “flexibilities on paper [are] not enough.”

She continued: “We have established an expert group to give stakeholders a direct voice on implementation. We will improve practical guidance to help SMEs navigate the new rules, and we are intensifying the discussions with Member States. I also encourage national authorities to make full use of the flexibilities that are available.

“We should also remember that several of the major requirements will only apply from 2030. Companies will have time to redesign packaging, adapt product lines, establish re-use systems, and invest in new recycled technologies.

“And we don’t stop there: as part of the **upcoming Circular Economy Act**, we will ensure that the extended producer responsibility will work better across Europe. Here we will propose clear simplification, harmonisation and digitalisation actions to support our SMEs and our Single Market.”

EU commissioner Jessika Roswall on PPWR implementation, SME’s and the Circular Economy Act

3. EUDR developments

a. Joint letter EUDR cross commodity coalition

To inform you that the Brussels-based EUDR cross-commodity coalition, in which CEI-Bois is actively involved, is currently preparing a new joint letter to the European Commission, following the statement of 29 May 2026 ([click here](#)), in which the partners of the coalition are mentioned.

This letter is input for the upcoming meeting of the Deforestation Platform on 5 October 2026. These meetings provide useful opportunities to discuss the remaining EUDR implementation challenges in a practical and solution-oriented manner.

October 2026.

The letter is expected to be published by Friday 26 September and you will receive further information.

b. EUDR: Information System update

To share the following information, which might be useful.

1.–Updated User Guide for Economic Operators (v3.0)

The updated User Guide for Economic Operators is **now published and available on [CIRCABC](#)** and on the Information [System website](#).

The document provides **clear instructions for users on how to create and manage Due Diligence Statements or Simplified Declarations** for the purpose of EUDR. It includes information on the system's functions and capabilities, as well as step-by-step procedures for: registering an account including the setup of the EU Login; assigning the appropriate role in the Information System; submitting and managing Due Diligence Statements and Simplified Declarations and their lifecycle; using the dashboard; searching submissions and applying the grouping function, where needed.

Translation into all official EU languages is in progress and will be made available in due course.

2.– New EUDR Information System Training dates for October

New dates for virtual training sessions on the EUDR Information System are now available on the [Green Forum Webpage](#).

Please note that there are **two types** of training session:

- Trainings on submitting **Due Diligence Statements**, primarily for **upstream operators** that must submit due diligence statements to comply with the EUDR;
- Training on submitting **Simplified Declarations**, primarily for **micro or small primary operators** (MSPOs).

3.–Other updates

Further information to understand the roles and responsibilities under EUDR, such as in the **scenario of re-import and the related conventional reference number** can be found on the EUDR [Green Forum Webpage](#).

Best regards,

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