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[Brussels unveils plan to reduce raw material use](#)

05/11/2008 (ENDS Europe)

The EU must take further steps to reduce its consumption of primary raw materials and promote recycling in order to avoid future raw material shortages, according to a policy paper published by the European commission on Tuesday...[continue](#)

[Market for recycled materials collapsing](#)

05/11/2008 (solidwastemag.com)

Managers in the municipal and commercial recycling business have noticed that the worldwide recession in commodities prices is now affecting the end markets for recycled materials...[continue](#)

[Slovakia plots deposit system for PET bottles](#)

04/11/2008 (ENDS Europe)

The Slovak environment ministry has proposed establishing a national deposit-return system for PET bottles to reduce the environmental impact of uncollected plastic bottles. The proposal was announced last week at a meeting to discuss ways of tackling the problem...[continue](#)

[EU clarifies recycled paper's status under Reach](#)

03/11/2008 (ENDS Europe)

Recycled paper is not subject to pre-registration under the Reach policy, a senior official at the European commission's industry department told recyclers at a meeting held by the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) in Dusseldorf on Thursday...[continue](#)

[European tyre recovery rate tops 90 per cent](#)

30/10/2008 (ENDS Europe)

The recovery rate for waste tyres in Europe reached 91 per cent in 2007, according to new figures published on Tuesday by the European tyre and rubber manufacturers' association (Etrma)...[continue](#)

[UK: Grants on offer to recycle construction waste](#)

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29/10/2008 (edie.net)

A funding programme has been launched to encourage waste managers to recycle more construction and demolition waste. WRAP (the Waste & Resources Action Programme) has launched the Construction and Demolition Capital Grant Programme, backed by the Scottish Government, following complaints from construction contractors that there is not enough capacity to recycle their waste...[continue](#)

[UK: Zero waste zones announced](#)

29/10/2008 (edie.net)

Six places across England have been chosen to be the country's first "Zero Waste Places" in a scheme launched by Government. Ranging from a residential street to an entire region, these six places will go as far as possible to reduce the environmental impact of waste in homes, workplaces and in the communit...[continue](#)

[Council approves EU environmental crime law](#)

28/10/2008 (ENDS Europe)

A new directive criminalising the most serious offences against the environment will soon enter force after justice ministers meeting in Luxembourg on Friday rubber-stamped a first-reading agreement reached with MEPs in May...[continue](#)

[The Council of Ministers has adopted the Revised Waste Framework Directive](#)

27/10/2008 (letsrecycle.com)

The European Council of Ministers has adopted the revised Waste Framework Directive, a decision that means the UK will now be expected to reach a 50% household recycling rate by 2020...[continue](#)

[Waste recycling plant in Sofia to be Municipal possession](#)

27/10/2008 (FOCUS Information Agency)

The waste recycling plant that would be constructed on Sofia territory will be in possession of Sofia Municipality, after we have managed to get funds on Environment Operative Program and held talks with the European Commission, Sofia's Mayor Boyko Borisov said, FOCUS News Agency reporter informed...[continue](#).

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[ECOMONDO 2008](#)

Now at its 12th edition, Ecomondo has strengthened the original project - Ricicla - by in-depth coverage of the numerous issues linked with the concept of 'environmental

sustainability'. The successful result has been that of bringing together in one specialized qualified space the major sectors and markets involved: the complete waste cycle, water and contaminated sites, air and soil quality, urban environment quality, risk and safety for the population. Ecomondo has therefore confirmed its role as the leading event that best brings together the environment and the market.

05 - 08 November 2008 Rimini, Italy

The 8th Secondary Metals International Forum

Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI), Bureau of International Recycling Board (BIR) and other secondary metal industry organizations, enterprises and trade merchants all around the world actively participate the exhibition and forum. CMRA has been a platform of secondary metal industrial international cooperation and exchange.

07 November 2008 - 09 November 2009 Beijing, China, People's Rep.

WASMA 2008

The 5th international exhibition and forum on equipment and technologies for waste collection, processing and management

10 - 13 November 2008 Moscow, Russia

LARAC Conference 2008

Leading the charge for the best part of a decade, the LARAC conference remains a highlight for the dynamic teams tasked with turning Britain's waste mountain around. Structured to reflect the issues in need of urgent attention, the LARAC Conference 2008 will serve as a catalyst for action and change

12 - 13 November 2008 Telford, United Kingdom

POLEKO 2008

Next edition of the International Ecological Fair POLEKO will be organised on 17 - 20 November 2008. The time of ecology has come for Poland and Europe. You can get convinced about that at the POLEKO International Ecological Fair. The fair takes place at the grounds of the Poznan International Fair in November each year.

17 - 20 November 2008 Poznan, Poland

Venice 2008 - Second International Symposium on Energy from Biomass and Waste

The aim of the Venice 2008 Symposium is to focus on the advances made in the application of technologies for energy recovery from biomass and waste. The programme of the Symposium will last four days (three days of scientific sessions and one day for technical tours) and will include oral sessions, a poster session and a small exhibition by companies working in the field.

17 - 20 November 2008 Venice, Italy

[XVI INARE Congress](#)

XVI International Congress and Expo of Mexican recycling Industry

20 - 21 November 2008 Zihuatanejo, Mexico

[Waste & Resources Management in Construction](#)

The UK recycles more construction, demolition and excavation waste than any other waste stream. The Sustainable Construction Strategy has targets set to half the tonnages of these waste streams to landfill by 2012, which is approaching fast....

25 November 2008 Waste & Resources Management in Construction, United Kingdom

[14th Austrian Biomass Conference](#)

The 14th Austrian Biomass Conference – the “family meeting” of the Austrian and European biomass world – is being held on 25 and 26 November at the VAZ Manglbürg in Grieskirchen (Upper Austria) under the motto “Biomass in the Turning Point for Energy”. The Austrian Biomass Association has invited top-calibre speakers from Austria and abroad to talk on electricity, heat and fuel from biomass.

25 - 26 November 2008 VAZ Manglbürg, Grieskirchen, Austria

[Waste Prevention - The Way Forward](#)

Focusing on the first level of the waste hierarchy waste prevention is rising up the national agenda. Waste Aware Scotland, Waste Management Strategy for NI, Waste Strategy for England and the Climate Change Bill all emphasise waste prevention...

26 November 2008 Birmingham, United Kingdom

[POLLUTEC 2008](#)

The key global meeting for environment professionals, Pollutec Lyons provides a stage for the full range of pollution prevention and treatment technologies and, more generally, for the protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development.

02 - 05 December 2008 Lyon, France

[Environment Technology Indonesia 2008](#)

The 16th International Exhibition on Equipment and Systems for Pollution Control and Environmental improvement.

03 - 06 December 2008 Jakarta, Indonesia

[Sustainability in energy conservation and waste management in the paper industry](#)

The event will offer a good opportunity to hear about the latest developments and

industry advances which will help you gain a competitive advantage by developing innovative and commercially successful sustainable paper products

04 - 05 December 2008 Helsinki, Italy

[Waste to Energy 2008](#)

At the specialist convention and conference for energy from waste and biomass in Bremen, the topics range from the raw material of waste, biological combustion materials, financially sound plant management and the avoidance of emissions hazardous to the climate. Deadline for Abstracts: 1. July

10 - 11 December 2008 Bremen, Germany

[8th International Electronics Recycling Congress \(IERC 2009\)](#)

The 8th International Electronics Recycling Congress will be an extremely challenging event: 'How do electronics manufacturers close the recycling loop and what are the challenges of the take back systems and the recycling industry?'

21 - 23 January 2009 Salzburg, Austria

[15th LCA Case Studies Symposium](#)

LCA for decision support in business and government for Sustainable Consumption and Production

22 - 23 January 2009 Paris, France

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[Storm drain for filtering of storm water and wastewater](#)

A Swedish company has invented a sewer technology for storm water and waste water pipes for municipal and private pipe systems under ground. This product, with its special kind of flow control, is unique on the market. The company is now looking for partners interested in technical cooperation and/or commercial agreements. (Ref: 08 SE 67CJ 0JAC)

[Valorisation of chrome tanned leather shavings and trimmings](#)

A Catalan technical centre based in Spain has developed a technology for the valorisation of chrome tanned leather shavings and trimmings to obtain hydrolysed protein and chrome liquor by chemical hydrolysis. The hydrolysis system is designed to obtain a good separation between sludge and liquid. They are looking for a further development of the process and materials or to license the procedure. (Ref: 08 ES 25E2 0JOY)

 **High performance polymeric composites based on polycarbonate waste, including compact discs**

A Polish institute developed new high performance polymeric composites based on polycarbonate waste, including compact discs. The polymeric composites might be applied in engineering, automotive, electronic and electrical industry, and can be made equivalent to the materials made by leading producers. The institute is looking for partners for joint further development and technical consultancy. (Ref: 08 PL 61AJ OJ0U)

 **Multidune: a hydraulic separator for plastics sorting and recycling**

An Italian university research group has developed an innovative device, mainly addressed to plastics recycling industry, called Multidune since its shape resembles the undulation of sand dunes. A mixture of plastic particles and fluid is transported through a series of pipes in a similar manner to sand grains travelling in a wind flow. The team is looking for partners, operating in the recycling industry, interested in the further improvement of the process. (Ref: 08 IT 55X8 OJE1)

 **Technology for the Gasification/Pyrolysis of Waste Wood**

An Irish SME is involved in the production of Energy from Biomass, and seeks to acquire technology for the efficient Gasification or Pyrolysis of Waste Wood. A license or joint venture agreement is sought for multiple installations. (Ref: 08 IE 51S6 OJ1C)

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