

PAST EVENTS

02.02 → The Ministry of Environment and Water prepared a draft amendment in Ordinance № 1 of 04 June 2014 regarding the procedure and templates for providing information on waste activities, as well as the procedure for keeping public registers. These changes are being made at the insistence of BAMI and other business organizations insisted that these amendments are made in order to remove administrative barriers and speed up notification procedures for import and transboundary movement of non-hazardous waste.

08.02 → BAMI supported the positions of EUROMETAUX and EUROFER during the public consultation procedure of the EC regarding the revised **European Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS)**. BAMI sent their opinions and proposals to state authorities responsible for climate transition (Ministry of Environment and Water and Ministry of Economy) as well as to all Bulgarian MEPs. Additional information is available <u>HERE</u>

11.02→ The European Commission started a public consultation on the **Bulgarin Implementtion Plan for the transformation of the energy sector**, the use of low and carbon-free resources for production and rapid reforms of energy markets. **BAMI sent a response** with proposed measures for the reduction of electricity prices and inclusion of compensations for indirect CO2 costs in electricity prices in the Plan in accordance European legislation. The full text of the response is available <u>HERE</u>

24.02 → A regular meeting of the Contact Working Groups negotiatiating the conclusion of a new Branch Collective Labour Agreement (BCLA) for the metallurgical sector was held. The negotiations are in their final stage, the financial parameters proposed by the social partners are to be discussed, as well as the adoption of joint measures and commitments to overcome the negative impact of COVID 19.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10.03 → Regular meeting of BAMI's Board will be held from 13.30, in the Association's office at 205 Al. Stamboliyski Blvd., 2nd floor, Conference hall. Online participation will be possible as well. Adoption of the Budget report for 2020 and taking a decision regarding the organization of the annual BAMI General Assembly are on the meeting agenda.

EUROPEAN UNION

M.02. → Eurometaux proposed the creation of new investment clusters in the framework of the European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA) - on "Circular Economy and Recycling" and "Climate Impact Reduction of Metals Mining and Refining", as a starting point in the ongoing funding discussions.

26.02. → The EC published a Notice for the initiation of a **possible extension of the safeguard measures applicable to imports of certain steel products.** This was initiated by Eurofer and member-states and provides evidence that the safeguard measure is still necessary in order to prevent serious damages to industry. The request contains information about negative results on certain key indicators and the existence of significant pressure from imports from third countries. After contacts and talks between BAMI and the Ministry of Economy, we were assured that Bulgaria will support the extension of the period in which the measures are applied, which will also protect Bulgarian steel production.







