



1st DYNAMIX Policy Platform

“Exploring Opportunities and Challenges of Resource Efficiency Policy in Europe”

Agenda

20-21 March 2013, Brussels

Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU,
Avenue de Cortenbergh 30, 1040 Brussels



Wednesday, 20 March 2013

10:00-10:30 Registration and coffee

Event facilitator: Gillian Martin Mehers, Bright Green Learning

Session 1: Introduction – Resource efficiency policy in Europe

10:30-10:45 **Welcome address – identifying current resource efficiency policy issues in Europe**
Carina Vopel, Head of Unit, Directorate F.1, DG Environment, European Commission

10:45-11:00 **Introduction to the DYNAMIX project and framing the resource efficiency debate in Europe**
R. Andreas Kraemer, Director, Ecologic Institute, Germany

Session 2: Resource efficiency policy in the EU Member States

11:00-11:15 **Resource efficiency in Europe - Policies and approaches in different European countries**
Pawel Kazmierczyk, European Environment Agency

11:15-12:30 **Experiences, processes and challenges of resource efficiency policy in the EU Member States**
Country islands with information from 4 Member States:

- **Belgium/Flanders:** Mieke De Schoenmakere, Government of Flanders, Environment, Nature and Energy Department ; Belgian coordinator Resource efficiency
- **Finland:** Merja Saarnilehto, Ministry of Environment
- **Germany:** Matthias Koller, Federal Environment Agency
- **Netherlands:** Frans A. Vollenbroek, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment

Incl. plenary discussion

12:30-13:30 Lunch

Session 3: How to achieve absolute decoupling?

13:30-13:45 **The DYNAMIX approach to assessing the effectiveness of policy mixes**
Katharina Umpfenbach, Ecologic Institute, Germany

Incl. Q&A

13:45-14:45 **Reflection and prioritization of decoupling approaches, paradigms, indicators and actors**
Working groups on: (i) Assessment criteria and indicators; (ii) The role of paradigms and paradigm shifts in the resource efficiency debate; (iii) Relevant stakeholders, their perspectives and interests.

14:45-15:00 **Working group reports in the plenary and discussion**

15:00-15:30 **Coffee break**

Session 4: The role of knowledge in resource efficiency policy

15:30-15:45 **Evidence- based policy-making and the role of knowledge in environmental and resource efficiency policy**
Ben Shaw, Policy Studies Institute, University of Westminster

15:45-16:45 **Knowledge practices for resource efficiency policy**
Interactive session, group work

16:45-17:00 **Working group reports in the plenary**

17:00-17:30 **Selection of data formats on how to present information on resource efficiency in Europe**
Adrian Tan, BIO Intelligence Service, France

17:30 **End of day 1**

17:30-19:30 **Evening reception (light buffet and beverages)**

Thursday, 21 March 2013

Session 5: Drivers of resource (in)efficiency

- 09:00-09:15** Drivers of resource (in)efficiency in Europe
Anke Schaffartzik, Institute for Social Ecology, Austria
- 09:15-09:30** Preliminary results of DYNAMIX analysis on potential and drivers of (in)efficiency in resource use
Shailendra Mudgal, BIO Intelligence Service, France
- 09:30-10:30** Reflection on drivers of resource (in)efficiency: Which drivers are the most important to address with policies?
Working group session, incl. a working group on "Storylines and megatrends of 2050"
- 10:30-10:40** Coffee break
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Session 6: Defining ways forward

- 10:40-11:05** Decoupling economic growth from natural resource use – perspectives and challenges
Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker, Co-Chair, International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management
- 11:05-11:15** Assessment of existing policies and policy mixes to achieve absolute decoupling
Patrick ten Brink, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
- 11:15-12:00** Selection of case studies on resource efficiency in Europe
Table-based discussions, voting and open discussion
- 12:00-13:15** Panel discussion: How can we move forward in resource efficiency policy in Europe?
- Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Member of the European Parliament and the European Resource Efficiency Platform
 - Carina Vopel, Head of Unit, Directorate F.1, DG Environment, European Commission
 - Paul Ekins, University College London
 - Ariadna Rodrigo, Friends of the Earth Europe
 - Bernard Lanfranchi, Director Green Economy, Veolia Environnement
- 13:15** Conclusions and outlook
Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers, Ecologic Institute, Germany
- 13:15** End of the Policy Platform & buffet lunch
- 14:00-17:00** Meeting of the DYNAMIX Advisory Board