

Joint Final Conference POLFREE & DYNAMIX
projects

Policy mixes promoting resource efficiency for a circular economy

Agenda

15 - 16 February 2016, Brussels

DIAMANT Brussels Conference & Business Center
Bd A. Reyerslaan 80 - 1030 Brussels

Monday, 15 February 2016

Event moderator: Gerald Berger, *Vienna University of Economics and Business*

09:15 – 10:00 Registration & welcome coffee

Opening: Introduction to the conference

10:00 – 10:30 Welcome addresses

Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers, *Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute and Coordinator of DYNAMIX Project*

Paul Ekins, *Professor and Director of the Institute of Sustainable Resources at University College London (UCL), and coordinator of POLFREE project*

Wanda Gaj, *Project Officer, DG Research & Innovation, EC*

Session 1: Creating resource efficient futures in Europe

10:30 - 10:50 Policy frameworks for resource efficiency in Europe - State of affairs and avenues for the future

Francois Wakenhut, *Head of Unit F.1 Resource Efficiency & Economic Analysis, DG Environment, European Commission*

10:50 - 11:10 What should a Resource Efficient Europe look like? Visions, Scenarios and Pathways

Paul Ekins, *Professor and Director of the Institute of Sustainable Resources at University College London (UCL)*

11:10 - 11:30 Q&A

Session 2: Policy mixes for resource efficiency in Europe: approaches and results of POLFREE and DYNAMIX projects

11:30 - 11:50 Policy mixes for resource efficiency: new solutions, new challenges?

Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers, *Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute and Coordinator of DYNAMIX Project*

11:50 - 12:10 Findings of the POLFREE project on policy mixes. Approaches, results and recommendations

Henning Wilts, *Acting Director Material Flows and Resource Management. Wuppertal Institute*

12:10 - 12:30 Findings and recommendations from the DYNAMIX project. Results from qualitative assessment approaches

Martin Nesbit, *Senior Fellow and Head of Environment and Climate Governance Programme, IEEP*

12:30 – 12:45 Q&A

12:45- 13:45 Lunch break and exhibition

Session 3: Grand challenges of implementing ambitious policy mixes

13:45- 14:00 Flash inputs from policy, business and CSO perspectives on policy mixes

Policy: Werner Bosmans, *DG Environment, European Commission*

CSO: Carsten Wachholz, *Circular Economy Policy Officer, European Environmental Bureau*

Business: Christian Hagelüken, *Director EU Government Affairs, Umicore*

14:00-15:00 Implementation challenges and options: success factors to achieve effective policy mixes for resource efficiency from different stakeholder perspectives (Working groups)

- Policy makers (facilitator: Martha Bicket, *Research Fellow, PSI*)
- Businesses (facilitator: Ton Bastein, *Programme Manager, TNO*)
- Civil society (facilitator: Francesca Montevercchi, *Research Fellow, Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

15:00- 15:30 Facilitators reporting back to the plenary

15:30 -16:00 Coffee break

Session 4: Modelling ambitious Policies for Resource Efficiency

16:00 - 16:15 Modelling scenarios for the transition to a resource efficient economy:

Bernd Meyer, *Professor and Senior Advisor at GWS*

16:15-16:30 Aiming for absolute decoupling in Europe: modeling results

Andrea Bigano, *Senior researcher, FEEM*

16:30 – 16:45 What different approaches to modeling tell us about policies for Resource Efficiency

Paul Ekins, *Professor, UCL*

16:45-17:00 Q&A session and discussion

17:00-18.00 Panel discussion: responding to the challenges of ambitious policy mixes for resource efficiency

Christian Hagelüken, *Director EU Government Affairs, Umicore*

René Kemp, *Professor at Maastricht University*

Jocelyn Blériot, *Executive Officer at the Ellen MacArthur Foundation*

Peter Börkey, *OECD Environment Directorate*

Carsten Wachholz, *Circular economy Policy Officer, European Environmental Bureau*

18:00 End of day 1

18:00-20:00 Dinner buffet and networking

Tuesday, 16 February 2016

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration & welcome coffee
- Session 5: The circular economy package and the transition to a resource efficient Europe**
- 9:00 - 9:30 **The new Circular Economy Package: perspectives and expectations**
Gwenole Cozigou, *Director Resource Efficiency, DG GROW*
- 9:30- 10:00 **Business reactions to the new Circular Economy Package – To what extent does the new package address the key challenges of businesses in the transition to a resource efficient circular economy?**

Christoph Scharff, *Professor, CEC4Europe / Vienna University of Technology*
- 10:00- 11:00 **Discussion on CEP with business representatives**
Cristiaan Prins, *Director of European External Affairs, Unilever*
Annick Carpentier, *Sustainability Director, Eurometaux*
Patricia Vangheluwe, *Director Consumer & Environmental Affairs, PlasticsEurope*
Gary Crawford, *Vice President International Affairs, Veolia*
Arthur ten Wolde, *Manager Public Affairs Circular Economy- De Groene Zaak, Sustainable Business Association Netherland*
- 11:00- 11:30 Coffee break
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- Session 6: Future direction and recommendations to the new Circular Economy Package**
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Initiating the change – What do the policy mixes and modelling findings tell us about the new Circular Economy Package ?**
Raimund Bleischwitz, *Professor and Deputy Director of the Institute of Sustainable Resources at University College London (UCL)*
- 12:00- 13:00 **Panel discussion: does the new CE package has the right policy instruments/ mixes to achieve the transition to a resource efficient Europe?**
Christophe Yvetot , *Director of UNIDO Representational Office to the EU*
Natalia Matting, *Circular Economy, Sustainable industrial policy- DG Growth EU*
Paul Ekins, *Professor and Director of the Institute of Sustainable Resources at University College London*
Andreas Versmann, *Policy Officer, European Economic and Social Committee*
Vanya Veras, *Secretary General, Municipal Waste Europe*
- 13:00 – 13:15 **Closing of the DYNAMIX and POLFREE joint conference, final remarks**
Paul Ekins, *UCL*
Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers, *Ecologic Institute*
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