



Joint Final Conference POLFREE & DYNAMIX projects

Policy mixes promoting resource efficiency for a circular economy

Draft Agenda

15 - 16 February 2016, Brussels

DIAMANT Brussels Conference & Business Center

Monday, 15 FEBRUARY 2016

- 09:30 – 10:00 Registration & welcome coffee
- Opening: Introduction to the conference**
- Welcome addresses**
- 10:00 – 10:30 Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers, *Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute and Coordinator of DYNAMIX Project*
Wanda Gaj, *Project Officer, DG Research & Innovation, EC*
- Session 1: Creating Resource Efficient Futures**
- 10:30 – 10:50 **Setting the scene: 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 (TBC)*
- 10:50 – 11:10 **What should a Resource Efficient Europe look like: Vision, Scenarios and Pathways**
Paul Ekins, *Professor and Director of the Institute of Sustainable Resources at University College London (UCL), and coordinator of POLFREE project*
- 11:10 – 11:30 **Q&A**
- 11:30-12:30 **Policy mix approaches and methods used within POLFREE and DYNAMIX project**
Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers, *Ecologic Institute*
Henning Wilts, *Acting Director Material Flows and Resource Management. Wuppertal Institute*
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



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Session 2: Grand challenges of implementing ambitious policy mixes

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

François Wakenhut, *DG Environment, European Commission (TBC)*

Pieter De Pous, *EU Policy Director, European Environmental Bureau*

Rene Kemp, *Professor of Innovation and Sustainable Development at ICIS, Maastricht University*

Christian Hagelüken, *Director EU Government Affairs, Umicore*

14:00-15:00 Implementation challenges and options: What can different stakeholder groups do to facilitate feasibility of policy mixes? (break-out session)

- Policy makers (introduction: Martin Nesbit, *IEEP*)
- Businesses (introduction: Ton Bastein, *Programme Manager, TNO*)
- Civil society (introduction: Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers, *Ecologic*)
- Research (introduction: Paul Ekins, *UCL*)

15:00- 15:30 Reporting back to the plenary

15:30 -16:00 Coffee break

Session 3: Assessing ambitious Policies for Resource Efficiency

16:00 - 16:15 Modeling findings & scenarios for the transition to a resource efficient economy: impacts on resource use, sectoral trade-offs, growth and jobs

Bernd Meyer, *Professor and Senior Advisor at GWS*

16:15-16:30 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



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17:00-18.00 **Sounding board: responding to the challenges of ambitious policy mixes for resource efficiency**

Christian Hagelüken, *Director EU Government Affairs, Umicore*

Rene Kemp, *Professor at Maastricht University*

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

Peter Borkey, *OECD (TBC)*

Pieter De Pous, *EU Policy Director, European Environmental Bureau*

18:00 **Closing of day 1**

18:00-20:00 **Walking dinner and networking**

Tuesday, 16 February 2016

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration & welcome coffee**

Session 4: **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 **Roundtable on CEP with business representatives**
Cristiaan Prins, *Director of European External Affairs, Unilever*

Annick Carpentier, *Sustainability Director, Eurometaux*

Leonor Garcia, *Director of Public 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**

Session 5: 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 ?**

Paul Ekins, *UCL*
Bernd Meyer, *GWS*
Andrea Bigano, *FEEM*

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*
Gwenole Cozigou, *Director Resource Efficiency, DG GROW*
Paul Ekins, *Professor and Director of the Institute of Sustainable Resources at University College London (UCL)*
Françoise Bonnet, *Secretary General of ACR+ - Association of Cities and Regions for Sustainable Resource Management*
Andreas Versmann, *Policy Officer, European Economic and Social Committee, (TBC)*

13:00 – 13:15 **Closing of the DYNAMIX and POLFREE joint conference, final remarks**

Paul Ekins, *UCL*
Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers, *Ecologic Institute*
