



**European Committee
of the Regions**

Waste legislation review : regions & cities for a circular economy

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The conference aims at highlighting the expectations of local and regional authorities from the negotiations on the waste legislative proposals following the ENVI Committee vote on 24 January 2017.

It also will discuss the progress on the European Commission Action Plan including the implementation report and the Communication on waste to energy which are expected to be adopted by the European Commission on 25 January, and showcase experiences from front running local and regional authorities in making the circular economy happen on the ground.

The conference builds on the European Committee of the Regions' opinions on the circular economy and the review of waste legislation.

14.00 Registration and welcome coffee

14.30 Opening

Witold Stępień, 1st Vice Chair of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) ENVE Commission, President of the Lodzkie Region, Poland

Dr. Miriam Dalli, MEP Chair of Circular Economy Working Group of the European Parliament Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development

14.35 Subsession 1: Making the new waste legislation work for local and regional authorities - expectations from the negotiations on the waste legislative proposals

Moderator: Andres Jaadla, CoR member and rapporteur on improving reporting and compliance of environment law

Local & regional authorities' statements

Domenico Gambacorta, CoR rapporteur on the legislative proposals amending EU waste directives

Marianne Overton, Spokesperson for Environment of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), Lincolnshire Councillor

Vanya Veras, Secretary General of Municipal Waste Europe

Reactions from the negotiators

Minister Dr. José Herrera, Minister for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change, Malta, EU Presidency

Kestutis Sadauskas, Director Circular Economy & Green Growth, European Commission

→ **Debate**

16.00 Subsession 2: Local and regional authorities making the circular economy work

Moderator: Dr. Babette Winter, CoR rapporteur on the Circular Economy Action Plan

Progress on the European Commission Action Plan – the new financing platform and waste to energy initiative

Grzegorz Radziejewski, Member of cabinet of European Commission Vice-President Katainen

Going circular in cities – best practice examples from Eurocities

Håkon Jentoft, Chair of Eurocities working group on waste and EU urban partnership on the circular economy, Senior executive officer at Oslo's agency for waste management

Going circular at a regional scale – regions as frontrunners

Francoise Bonnet, Secretary General of ACR+- Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and Sustainable Resource Management

→ **Debate**

17.25 Conclusions and outlook

Andrew Cooper, CoR member and rapporteur on the Environment Implementation Review

17.30 Networking Cocktail

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