



CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN THE VISEGRÁD COUNTRIES

BEST PRACTICES IN THE ECONOMY AND IN THE SOCIETY

Date: 21 June, 2022 8.45-14.00

Venue: Permanent Representation of Hungary

Address: 1040 Brussels, Rue de Trèves 92-98.

The transition to a low carbon, resource efficient and circular economy is a common challenge for the Visegrád countries. This transformation is crucial not only to decarbonize our industrial production, make our economies more sustainable and competitive, but also to secure access to raw materials. The current geopolitical circumstances, dependencies from supply chains outside the EU make it even more important to use our resources wisely and more efficiently.

At the half day seminar, we aim to present the efforts of the Visegrád countries through showcases in the field of circular industrial processes, sustainable buildings, agriculture and rare raw materials. The engagement of society also is crucial in order to reach full transition to circular economy therefore we have invited municipalities, youth and civil associations to present their contribution to the transition to circular economy.

PROGRAMME

8.45 - 09.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 Welcome by Ambassador Gábor Baranyai (Deputy Permanent Representative of Hungary)

9.05 - 9.30 Keynotes

- **The Challenges of Circular Transition in Hungary – Strategies and Actions –** Anikó Raisz – Minister of State for Environment, Ministry of Technology and Industry, Hungary
- **Circular Economy - costs and benefits of the transition for the Visegrad countries** – Patrick Child, Deputy Director General, DG Environment, European Commission

9.30 – 10.40 Towards a circular economy – Cleaner and more competitive Visegrád region – best practices from the V4 countries

- **Circular Industrial Processes**
 - *The road towards a low-carbon circular economy in Central and Eastern Europe – Circular industrial processes in MOL Group’s 2030+ strategy (HU) – Ms. Anett Tóth EU Regulatory Officer Senior Expert, MOL*
 - *Smart Waste Management Solutions in Slovakia – Mr. Martin Basila Founder & CEO of SENSONEO (SK)*
 - *Polish-Hungarian collaboration for boosting the environmental technologies verification (ETV) as a circular economy policy support tool - Izabela Ratman-Kłosińska – Head of Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas (PL)*
- **Buildings**
 - *Advanced Building and Urban Design (ABUD), Budapest (HU) tbc*
- **Agriculture and Food**
 - *Corn reloaded – dozen ways of using corn : Hungrana (HU) – Mr Zoltán Reng , CEO*

10.40 – 11.20 Panel discussion:

Participants of the panel:

- Anett Tóth, MOL Group
 - Izabela Ratman-Kłosińska, Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas
 - Martin Basila , Sensoneo
 - Zoltán Reng, Hungrana
 - Peter Handley, Head of Unit Energy Intensive Industries, Raw Materials DG Grow
- **Moderator:** Márton Hajdu, Former Spokesperson of the Permanent Representation of Hungary

11.20 – 11.40 Coffee break

11.40 – 12.10 Role of different stakeholders in the transition to circular economy –

- **Municipalities**
 - *Best practices from the City of Prague - Ondřej Nedvěd (CZ)*
 - *Circular Economy projects in Veszprém, European Capitals of Culture 2023 – Tamás Józsa, Head of Cabinet of the Mayor’s Office (HU)*
- **Youth**
 - *Creativity and circularity – innovation hub for teenagers promoting circularity – József Veress, Kollabor (HU)*
- **Supporting ecosystem: Platforms and hotspots**
 - *Dr Agnieszka Sznyk, President of The Institute of Innovation and Responsible Development INNOWO (PL)*

12.10 – 12. 50 PANEL DISCUSSION – How can the stakeholders contribute to the success of circular transition?

Participants of the panel:

- Ondřej Nedvěd, City of Prague
- Tamás Józsa, Veszprém Municipality
- József Veress, Kollabor
- Dr Agnieszka Sznyk, President of The Institute of Innovation and Responsible Development INNOWO (tbc)
- tbc
- **Moderator:** Márton Hajdu, Former Spokesperson of the Permanent Representation of Hungary

12.50 – 13.00 Closing remarks

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch