



EPR as an instrument to tackle microplastics pollution?

A two-part EPR Club international conference

Online event | 27 January & 24 February 2021

AGENDA

PART 1 – 27 January 2021 (14:00 – 16:00 CET)

Opening remarks – MEP Mr. Franc Bogovič

Part 1 | What is our understanding of microplastics?

1. What are microplastics?
2. What is the current situation?
3. What are the pathways to the environment?

Introductory remarks – Rozalina Petrova, Member of Cabinet of Commissioner on Environment, Oceans and Fisheries | European Commission

Keynote remarks: plastic emissions – a challenge for developed countries? – Jürgen Bertling, Business Development Environment, Deputy Head of Department Sustainability and Participation | Fraunhofer Institute for Environmental Safety, and Energy Technology Umsicht

Microplastics generation: how to tackle tyre particles in the environment – Fazilet Cinaralp, Secretary General | European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers Association

Microplastics capture: microplastic sampling in wastewater and their capture at wastewater treatment plant level – Anders Finnson, Senior Environmental Advisor | Svenskt Vatten, representing EurEau

Part 2 | Panel Discussion

1. Policy instruments to address micro plastic pollution;
2. The role of control at source measures and EPR in addressing microplastics.

Q&A

Closing remarks – MEP Mr. Franc Bogovič

PART 2 – 24 February 2021 (14:00 – 16:00 CET) Registration

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Part 1 | EPR, instrument for “plastics and circular economy”

Introductory remarks – Michel Sponar, Deputy Head of Unit on Marine Environment and Water Industry, DG ENV | European Commission

EPR and the plastic value chain: relevance of EPR for the costs of additional treatment of wastewater triggered by microplastic – Elena Buzzi, Junior Policy Analyst, Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Team | OECD Environment Directorate

EPR as an instrument: presentation of the study conducted by Deloitte on behalf of EurEau on the use of the EPR as an instrument in order to tackle the microplastics in water – Oliver Loebel, Secretary General | EurEau

Intervention – Mauro Scalia, Sustainable Businesses Director | Euratex

Reaction – MEP Mr. Stelios Kympouropoulos

Part 2 | Panel Discussion: Politics, EPR, and the plastic value chain

1. What is the role of EPR and how to share the responsibilities? Who should be “charged”?
2. Instruments: plastic tax, restrictions, recycling quotas;
3. Linking public health and environmental protection while taking the COVID-19 crisis economic consequences into considerations.

Q&As

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