How can EPR promote sustainable consumption and production?



Wednesday 16th November 2022, 14:00 – 16:30 CET

Hybrid event organized at the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Room: JDE 63 & Interactio

Hosted by MEP Franc Bogovič

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is an environmental policy instrument, under which producers are given a significant responsibility to tackle the environmental impacts of products throughout their lifespan, from the design and manufacture phases through end-of-life. However, despite the original intention to promote sustainable production and consumption, the EPR systems in place give a significant responsibility to the producers for the treatment.

<u>The EPR Club</u>, a platform gathering key stakeholders and experts to exchange and debate about EPR in Europe, is inviting you to reflect on the link between EPR and sustainable consumption and production.

During the event we will analyze not only potential wider impacts of EPR on producers (ecodesign including eco modulation of fees, repair&reuse, new business models (leasing, etc), communication campaigns) and consumers (access to information and price signals) but also how EPR schemes can support local initiatives on reducing waste and promoting sustainable consumption (public awareness, boost repair activities).

AGENDA:

Opening remarks:

14.00h – 14.05h: Françoise Bonnet, ACR+
14:05h – 14:15h: Emmanuel Katrakis, ECESP LG on economic incentives
14.15h – 14.20h: MEP Franc Bogovič (vídeo-message intervention)
14.20h – 14.25h: Cillian Lohan, European Economic and Social Committee
14.25h – 14.40h: Peter Borkey, OECD

First panel: EPR as an instrument for sustainable production:

14:40h – 14:50h: Mattia Pellegrini, DG ENV, European Commission 14:50h – 15:00h: Pascal Leroy, WEEE Forum 15:00h – 15:10h: Axel Darut, CITEO 15:10h – 15:20h: Ioana Popescu, ECOS 15:20h – 15:35h: Q&A

Second panel: EPR and the link with sustainable consumption:

15:40h – 15:50h: Jean-Pierre Schweitzer, EEB 15:50h – 16:00h: Elmar Willems, Circular Flanders 16:00h – 16:10h: Isaac Peraire i Soler, Catalan Waste Agency 16:10h – 16:25h: Q&A

Wrap up and closing remarks:

16:25h - 16:30h: Françoise Bonnet, ACR+