



Connecting Global Minds for Circularity

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Welcome!

At « Le Bouche à Oreille »

Venue

Le Bouche à Oreille

Rue Félix Hap 11, 1040 Etterbeek, Belgium

Welcoming Opening

Lars Selwig

Head of Division Water and Circular Economy,

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

Dr. Inga Wagner

Head of Division "European and International Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials Policy; Circular Economy", Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMUV), Germany

Moderation

Katja Suhr

Head of Global Programme Go Circular, GIZ, Germany

Circular Economy Finance

Session 1 09:15 - 10:30h

Significant financial resources are required for the urgently needed shift to circular economy. Public and private financial institutions, multi-lateral development banks, as well as policy makers play a critical role in incentivising and accelerating the economic transition towards circularity. This session explores the different perspectives of circular economy actors around the world on financing and potential solutions to close the funding gap.

Keynote Presentation

Mauricio Vélez

Director of Sustainability, Asobancaria, Colombia

International relevance of Circular Economy finance

Impulse Presentations

Bettina Dorendorf

Senior Sustainability & Sustainable Finance Manager, KfW, Germany

Measures & Activities in Europe

Tran Quoc Trung

Deputy Director General of the Department of Economic Zones Management (MPI), Vietnam

Vietnam Green Taxonomy, with a focus on Circular Economy

Clara Garcia Parra

Senior Consultant, The Canopy Lab and Sagana, Portugal

Financial needs, challenges, and opportunities of CE organisations

Panel Discussion

Andrew Brown

Junior Environmental Policy Analyst, OECD, France

Bettina Dorendorf

Senior Sustainability & Sustainable Finance Manager, KfW, Germany

Enrique Cueva,

Operations Manager, Vytal Mexico, Mexico

Tran Quoc Trung

Deputy Director General of the Department of Economic Zones Management (MPI), Vietnam

Cities as Drivers for Circularity

Session 2 11:00 - 12:30h

Cities play an important role when it comes to implementing circularity. The session will begin by introducing common trends, challenges, innovative solutions to trigger the circular transition. In interactive breakout sessions we invite you to take a deep dive into local experiences from around the globe and welcome you to share insights from your city. The session will give you the opportunity to meet and exchange with peers working on circularity.

Keynote

Hugo d'Assenza-David

PhD Researcher & Policy Analyst, Science Po Paris, The French Agency for Ecological Transition, France

Urban policies and infrastructures for the resource transition, or the complex governance of critical dilemmas

Insights from Circular Cities

Round 1

Dr. Sujitra Vassanadumrongdee

Senior Researcher at Environmental Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Bangkok Metropolitan Administration's waste management and circular economy strategies: key achievements and challenges

Perrine Collin

Coordinator of regional FabLabs, citydev.brussels, Belgium

Brussels: Insights from Brussels' circular reindustrialization

Ruth Quevedo

Executive Director of the Colombian Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation Regulatory Commission, Colombia

The role of Colombian cities from a national perspective

Cities as Drivers for Circularity

Session 2 11:00 - 12:30h

Insights from Circular Cities Round 2

Nguyen Minh Cuong

Deputy Director at the Division of Domestic Waste, Pollution Control Department at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam

Circular economy in Viet Nam: from legal framework perspective to practical implementation at the city level

Carlos Cordero Vega

Director of Secretariat of Planning for Environment and Energy Sector of Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica

Efforts on Circular Economy and Public Policy: Turrialba City Case

Wolf Kuehr

Independent Circularity Consultant, Germany

Hamburg: Produce locally, think globally

Short Networking Session

Moderated by

Dr. Holger Kuhle

Policy Advisor, Global Project "Environmental Protection Worldwide", GIZ, Germany

Interactive Thematic Networking

Session 3 13:30 - 15:00h

The goal of this session is to facilitate the networking of our international delegates and colleagues from around the world. This exchange will be channelled through three different thematic rounds of 30 min each which every participant will pass through during the session. The participant will be part of one out of nine randomized groups (3 per topic) for each round and therefore, meet as many other participants as possible.

Each group discussion will be moderated by a GIZ employee and therefore create a guided networking option while discussing relevant topics such as (1) EPR, (2) Digitisation & Innovation and (3) Behavioural Change & Waste Prevention.

This session will facilitate a great networking opportunity and a unique base for knowledge exchange on a global scale and across topics. **All in all, you will have the possibility to connect with new colleagues, exchange valuable insights and find new partners and networks for your future work.**

You are welcome to share insights from your work, challenges, and opportunities concerning the following three topics during the session:

- 1. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**
- 2. Digitisation & Innovation**
- 3. Behavioural Change & Waste Prevention**

Impact of EU Circular Economy Policies on International Value Chains

Session 4 15:30 - 16:50h

Our meeting in Brussels, the “EU capital”, presents us with the opportunity to take a closer look at EU trends and policies regarding circular economy.

We will discuss their impacts on GIZ's partner countries as well as foster an exchange of ideas among participants. This EU Circular Economy Policies panel offers a platform for collective learning and discussion about the international impacts of EU policies and the ways in which partner countries can, and are, being supported in their transition to a circular economy.

Keynote

**Matthias Reusing and
Christiane Haziyo**

*Delegation of the European Union to Zambia and
COMESA, Zambia*

EU SWITCH Programme &
EU Policies and trends in
CE

Panel Discussion

Stephane Arditi,

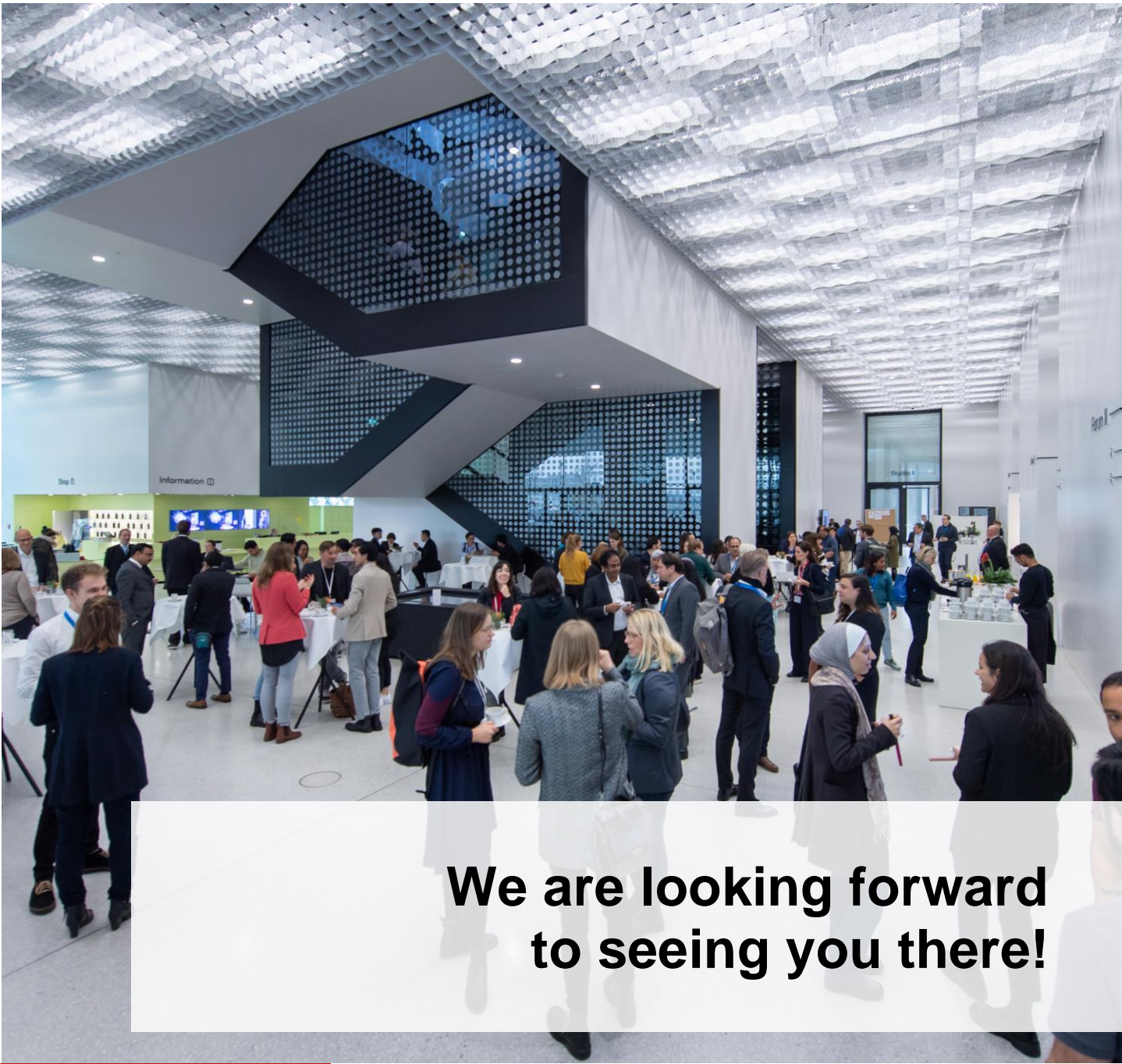
European Environmental Bureau, Belgium

Asst. Prof. Dr. Piti Eiamchamroonlarp

Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Shalini Goyal Bhalla

International Council for Circular Economy (ICCE), India



**We are looking forward
to seeing you there!**

The programme can be downloaded via the event website:
<https://greentechknowledgehub.de/events/giz-networking-day>

Any Questions?

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