



**European Committee
of the Regions**

Conference
***Waste legislation review -
regions & cities for a circular economy***

Organised by Committee of the Regions, ENVE Commission, in association with
ACR+, CEMR, Eurocities and Municipal Waste Europe

Tuesday 31 January 2017, 14.30 – 17.30
European Committee of the Regions
Room JDE 51, Rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussels

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.

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- 14.00 Registration and welcome coffee**
- 14.30 Opening and welcome**
Witold Stępień, 1st Vice Chair of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) Commission for Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE), President of the Lodzkie region (PL)
- 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, Lincolnshire Councillor
Vanya Veras, Secretary General of Municipal Waste Europe
Reactions from the negotiators
Minister Dr Jose Herrera, Minister for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change, Malta, EU Presidency (tbc)
Miriam Dalli, MEP Chair of Circular Economy Working Group of the European Parliament Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development
Kestutis Sadauskas, Director Circular Economy and Green Growth, European Commission
→ **Debate**
- 16.00 Subsession 2: Local and regional authorities making the circular economy work**
Moderator: 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**

Interpretation (tbc):

participants may speak in: EN/FR/DE/IT/ES/PL/FI/LT/HR/CS/MT/ET/LT

participants may listen in: EN/FR/DE/IT/ES/PL/FI/LT/HR/CS