2025-05-05 Preparatory Meeting Municipal Waste TF – Meeting with EC 7-8 May 2025

1. **External professor presence**
   Taglialatela to update about the participation of Prof. Massarutto (Italy), to give an external view about the issue of Circular Economy and the status of the sector. Proposal for an online meeting with Prof. Massarutto, to clarify with him the messages to deliver to Commission.
   - Proposed date is 06-05-2025 11 AM CET. Prof. Massarutto is going to participate online. Participants:
     - Italy
     - WAREG
     - Portugal
     - Hungary
     - Lithuania (to be confirmed)
     - Latvia
2. **Relation with EU Commission and topics of discussion**
   Request from the EC for a set of questions from our side to guide the discussion. MEKH to draft a set of questions about the circular economy act. Taglialatela to receive the questions and send them to EC by 05-05-2025. Need for Members to send the questions they might have by 05-05-2025.

   Proposal from Flackenecker:
   - *"In my view, EPR, End of Waste / by-products and landfill taxes/fees/cap-and-trade systems might be the most interesting ones from my side to deepen with you. However, I am certainly open to also touch on other issues if you deem them relevant."*

   ERSAR presented some points to ask to EC:

   - What are the main aspects that have led the Commission to decide on the need for this revision of the CEA?
   - What are the problems/development opportunities that the Commission identified?
   - Are there any particular solutions already on the table? Why?

3. **National Presentations**
   Idea for a structure of the presentation to be discussed in the current meeting. 8-10 minutes for the presentation. Aim of the national presentations are to present about the circular economy situation in each country presenting. And finally, which are the ideas we have as national regulators to enhance circular economy. Taglialatela to share by today an outline with the outcomes of the national presentations discussion.
   - MEKH to present an oral presentation (no PPT) about the situation.
   - VERT not to have a PPT but just an online presentation (please, confirm it)
   - ERSAR to have a very short presentation about the Portuguese case
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4. **WAREG's Presentations**
   MEKH presented two points to add to the presentation.
   1. There are diverse situations and systems in MSs regarding circularity and waste management. Therefore, CEA should not only include one-size-fits-all targets but also adequate flexibility.
   2. National economic regulators are ready to fulfil potential new tasks and eventually play stronger roles under the CEA but at the same time need to be adequately authorized in order to be effective.
5. **Agenda of the 7-8**
   - Dinner organised by Giovanni on 07/05/2025. Address of the restaurant to be shared later today.

- New version of the agenda to be sent by Giovanni by 05/05/2025

6. **Any other business**
   MEKH to propose not to have other meetings on Monday, but on other days