Circular Economy: EU Initiatives and the Contribution of Regulators

The European Commission meets Municipal Waste Regulators

Draft Agenda

Date: Rome, 7/8 May 2025

Venue: ARERA Offices in Rome, Via dei Crociferi 19

7 May: Preparatory Meeting

15:00 – 18:00 Preliminary discussion and workshop preparation

8 May: Workshop

9:30 – 9:40 Welcome Address by Paolo del Vecchio, Advocate of the State, Deputy Director General, Director of Legal Affairs, Director of External and Institutional Relations, ARERA

9:40 – 9:50 Opening of the first session: introduction by a representative of the Municipal Waste Regulators

9:50 – 10:10 Regulators' contribution to the Circular Economy, the case of ARERA: presentation by Lorenzo Bardelli, Director of the Environmental Services Division, ARERA

10:10 – 10:30 The Circular Economy Paradigm's consequences on the industrial organisation and economic regulation of municipal waste: presentation by Prof. Antonio Massarutto

10:30 - 11:15 The upcoming EU initiatives on Circular Economy: presentation by Florian Flachenecker, DG Environment of the European Commission

11:15 – 11:45 Reactions by discussants: tour de table

11:30 – 12:30 Open discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Working Lunch

13:30 – 13:40 Opening of the second session: Introduction by a representative of the Municipal Waste Regulators

13:40 – 15:20 The contribution of MW regulators to the current and future Circular Economy, presentations/speeches/proposals by the representatives of the Municipal Waste Regulators

15:20 – 15:40 Open discussion, Q&A

15:40 – 15:50 Conclusions: Regulators' views for a cost-efficient and effective Circular Economy

15:50 – 16:00 End of the meeting

Participants:

European Commission	Florian Flachenecker, Team Leader for Circular Economy, DG Environment, Circular Economy Directorate
ARERA	Paolo del Vecchio, Deputy Secretary General, Director of Legal Affairs, Director of External and Institutional Relations
	Lorenzo Bardelli, Director of Environmental Services Department
	Giovanni Taglialatela, External and Institutional Affairs Directorate
WAREG	Vittorio Graziano, Secretariat
Regulators	Andras Antal, Hungary, Water and Waste DPT, MEKH
	Dace Codare, Latvia, Head of External Relations, PUC
	Giorgios Loizos, Greece, Member of the Board of RAEEY
	Dan Matei, Romania, Head of Waste, ANRSC
	Diogo Rosa, Portugal, Head of Waste Dept. ERSAR
	Matas Taparauskas, Lithuania, Member of the Board, VERT
	Inara Teibe, Latvia, Head of Waste, PUC
	Tamas Voros, Hungary, External Relations, MEKH
Experts	Antonio Massarutto, Professor of Economics – Udine University, Italy