# 2nd Workshop on Economic Regulation of Municipal Waste

**11th December 2024 – 14:15-16:45**

CEER premises, Cours Saint-Michel, 30 A/F, Brussels, Belgium

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| **14.15** | **Introduction:**<br>Rationale for the workshop, and how regulators can contribute to the circular economy |
| **14.30** | **Presentation of country cases:**<br>Costs, prices and tariffs in the municipal waste service |
| **15.45** | **Summary of presentations and data comparison** |
| **15.50** | **Open discussion, questions and answers** |
| **16.30** | **Conclusions and next steps Final Remarks** |
| **16.45** | **End of the Workshop** |

## Background

In response to the increasing complexity of legislative and industrial developments in municipal waste, some EU Member States have established national regulatory authorities tasked with overseeing the economic and quality-of-service regulation of municipal waste services. Municipal Waste Regulators from Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal and Romania have formed the "EU Municipal Waste Regulators Group" to facilitate the exchange of experiences, as well as to promote a debate on the role of economic regulation in the building of Circular Economy.

## Rationale

Although different in powers, organisational structures and contexts, national regulators share common objectives: promoting efficiency, protecting consumers, supporting investments, and setting cost-reflective tariffs in regulated services. By pursuing these objectives, regulators help to deliver Circular Economy at the minimum possible cost for citizens and communities, for any given level of environmental protection as established by the EU. Regulators are also committed to foster investments, more and more important as Circular Economy requires a more capital-intensive waste management.

**For discussion**

In this context, Regulators seek to engage with Institutions and stakeholders to examine the challenges of Circular Economy in terms of efficiency, effectiveness and infrastructural needs. A first workshop on Municipal Waste governance was held online on June 2024. The upcoming workshop on December 11th will be devoted to costs and tariffs of Municipal Waste services in Regulators' Countries. This workshop can also be seen as a starting point to further discuss on how to enhance investments in Circular Economy, as well as to examine the rationale and performance of different EPR/DRS systems – potential subjects for the forthcoming Workshop.