

MEETING

# THE ROLE OF BIOWASTE IN THE EMERGING CIRCULAR ECONOMY

## Creating new jobs from managing biowaste

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10:30-12:45

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Chaired by

**Miriam Dalli MEP**

Chair of the “Circular Economy” Working Group of the Intergroup

### AGENDA

Moving towards a circular economy and a resource efficient society will be the future for Europe, but this means that additional legislative initiatives are necessary. There is a need for a more comprehensive resource-efficient, waste and product policy. With the publication of the European Commission’s roadmap ‘Circular Economy Strategy’ the Commission has announced to come up with a *‘new and more ambitious proposal’* on the waste review.

Biowaste plays a key role in sustainable waste management. Biowaste accounts for the largest fraction (40%) in municipal solid waste. Only 30% of biowaste across Europe is collected separately and recycled in a sustainable way by composting and anaerobic digestion.

With new waste legislation more than 50 million tonnes of biowaste could be recycled, which will result in the creation of 100,000 new jobs.

Against this background, this event will offer the opportunity for key decision-makers and stakeholders to discuss the importance of separate collection and recycling targets for biowaste as well as setting end-of-waste criteria for compost and digestate to place these recycled materials as products on the European market.

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**10:00 – 10:30**      **Registration**

### **Opening**

10:30-10:35      Welcoming words by **An Le Nouail-Marlière**, Rapporteur on the EESC opinion on the Circular Economy Initiative, European Economic and Social Committee

10:35-10:40      Opening statements by **Miriam Dalli MEP**

10:40-10:50      **John van Haeff**, Chair of European Compost Network ECN e.V.

### **Successful implementation of separate collection of Bio-waste in urban areas**

10:50-11:00      **Marco Ricci**, Chair of International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) Working group 'Biological Treatment', CIC – Italian Composting and Biogas Association

### **Bio-waste in the context of a zero-waste programme for Europe**

11:00-11:10      **Enzo Favoino**, Chair of Scientific Committee, Zero Waste Europe

### **The Commission's proposal on 'Circular Economy' in Europe**

11:10-11:15      **Anna Karamat**, DG ENV

11:15-11:20      **Eric Liegeois**, DG GROW

### **Position of the European Parliament on the Circular Economy**

11:20-11:30      **Pavel Telicka MEP**

### **Position of the Waste Industry on Circular Economy**

11:30-11:40      **Unico Van Kooten**, Dutch Waste Management Association

### **Position of Member States' Representatives on the Circular Economy**

11:40-11:50      **Dr Andreas Jaron**, Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany

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11:50-12:00

**Sofie Bouteligier**, OVAM - Public Waste Agency of Flanders

**Discussion moderated by Miriam Dalli MEP**

12:00-12:40

**Conclusions**

12:40-12:45

Conclusions by **Miriam Dalli MEP**

12:45

*Networking lunch, courtesy of the European Compost Network*

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