

# The Future of Plastic Materials in the European Circular Economy

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**13:30 – 16:00**  
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**Miriam Dalli MEP**

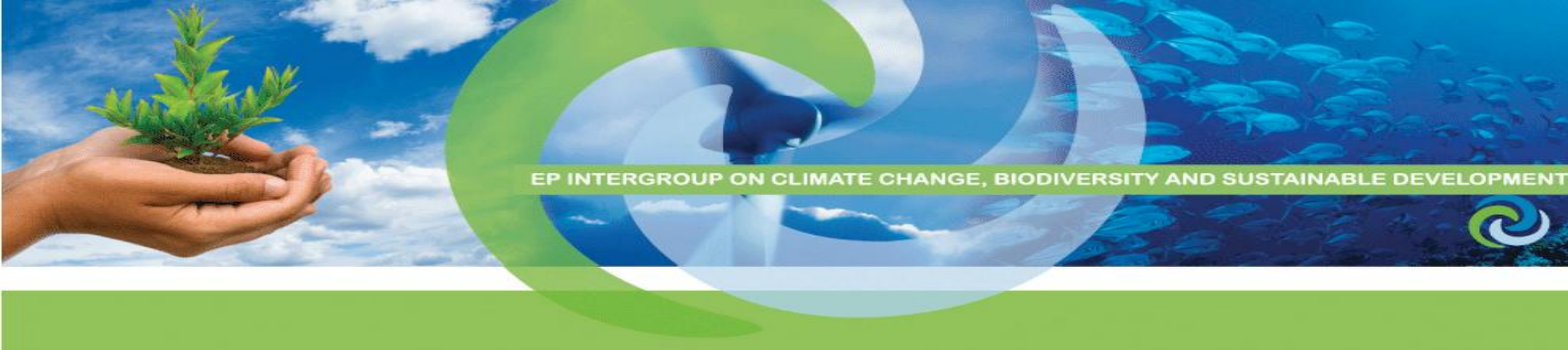
Chair of the “*Circular Economy*” Working Group  
of the EP Intergroup “*Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development*”

## DRAFT AGENDA

Today nearly everyone, everywhere, every day comes into contact with plastics as this material is fundamental to our society and economy. However, too often plastic materials embody the single-use approach contributing immensely to plastic waste disposal through landfills, incinerators, and as marine or land litter.

The circular economy offers the opportunity to transform this linear model into one where the plastic value chain continues after its first use, through a reliable and consistent market for reused plastics. The Circular Economy Action Plan commits to a strategy on plastics addressing issues such as recyclability, biodegradability, the presence of hazardous substances in certain plastics, and marine litter. In order to ensure that plastics do not become waste a systemic shift is required in the production and consumption models. This should involve all stakeholders along the plastic value chain to provide sustainable inputs and efforts along with policy-makers at different levels of governance.

This meeting will gather representatives from the European Parliament, Commission, Committee of the Regions, Industry, NGOs, and other stakeholders to discuss the challenges and opportunities of the role of plastics in the circular economy and how each sector can contribute in realising this transition.



- 12:45-13:30                    **Registration**
- 13:30-13:40                    Welcome and introduction by **Miriam Dalli MEP**
- 13:40-13:50                    **Simona Bonafé MEP, EP Rapporteur on the Circular Economy Package - tbc**  
*The role of the European Parliament in supporting and promoting a European circular economy.*
- 13:50-14:00                    **Fulvia Raffaelli, Acting Head of Unit “Clean Technologies and Products”, DG GROW, European Commission**  
*What role for the concepts of end-of-life and the market secondary raw materials in Europe?*
- 14:00-14:10                    **Babette Winter, Rapporteur on the Circular Economy Action Plan, Committee of the Regions**  
*The role of subnational governance in collection and recycling of plastic materials.*
- 14:10-14:20                    **Patricia Vangheluwe, Director for Environment & Consumer Affairs, PlasticsEurope**  
*The state of play of the plastic sector in Europe*
- 14:20-14:30                    **Hasso von Pogrell, Managing Director, European Bioplastics**  
*The contribution of bioplastic in the pursuit towards the circular economy.*
- 14:30-14:40                    **Dr. Michiel De Smet, Project Manager, Ellen MacArthur Foundation**  
*The New Plastics Economy: Rethinking the future of plastics*
- 14:40-14:50                    **Piotr Barczak, Policy Officer ‘Waste’, European Environmental Bureau**  
*How civil society can foster the implementation of a circular economy?*
- 14:50-15:45                    **Question and discussion with the audience**
- 15:45-16:00                    Concluding remarks by **Miriam Dalli MEP**

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