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04.02.2025 | 09.00 AM - 17.00 PM

EESC building - VMA 23

Moderation: Jean-Paul Judson

9:00 – 10:30 - Registration and Welcome coffee

10:30 – 11:00 - Opening keynote speeches

- Member of Jessika Roswall's cabinet, European Commission (tbc)
- Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

11:00 – 12:30 - Unlocking the opportunities of the implementation of the EU waste management legislation at the local level.

The panel discussion will explore the opportunities and challenges of implementing EU waste management legislation at the local level, with insights from municipal leaders, waste management experts, and industry representatives.

- **Marek Kabacinski**, Krakow public waste management Director, Poland, Member of Municipal Waste Europe
 - **Åsa Ågren Wikström**, Regional Councillor, Region of Västerbotten, Sweden
 - **Rait Pihelgas**, Member of Järva Rural Municipality Council and Deputy Director of the association of Estonian cities and municipalities, Estonia
 - **Fernando Leite**, Porto waste management CEO, Portugal
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12:30 – 13:30 - Lunch

13:30 – 13:45 - Keynote speech

- **Mathias Bach Kirkegaard**, Environment Attaché, Denmark Permanent Representation

13:45 – 14:00 - Setting the scene

14:00 – 15:30 - Achieving energy and material autonomy through circular economy policies

The panel discussion will examine pathways to achieve energy and material autonomy through the new European Circular Economy Action Plan, featuring key stakeholders from policymaking and waste management representatives.

- **Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea**, Director, EU Commission, Circular Economy Unit
 - **Mathias Bach Kirkegaard**, Environment Attaché, Denmark Permanent Representation
 - **Paul de Bruycker**, CEWEP President
 - **Olivier François**, EuRIC President
 - **Claudia Mensi**, FEAD President
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15:30 – 15:45 - Closing

- **Zsolt Kükkedi**, rapporteur of the EESC opinion on Revision of the EU waste framework Directive
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15:45 – 17:00 - Networking drinks