



“Prevention: making tangible what is not there”

“A futureproof EU Waste Framework Directive” workshop
13:30 – 14:45 Breakout session

In a “business as usual” scenario future production- and consumption processes will put even more pressure on resources and the waste streams that come with it will only increase. Without structural changes, the circularity potential will be limited. Despite the EU’s ambitions regarding the circular economy, there is a lack of a robust and enforceable EU framework on prevention that focuses on reducing both resource consumption and waste generation. This breakout session centers on the policy and tools required at the EU level to advance the prevention agenda ambitiously.

The exchange in this breakout session will be structured around the following questions:

Overall question:

- How can we strengthen the Waste Framework Directive with regards to prevention?

Subquestions:

- Is there a need for an overall waste prevention target? And/or should the focus be on waste stream specific prevention targets? Would a target/targets be essential to advance prevention?

- How can (provisions on) waste prevention programmes be strengthened? Would there be merit in making some prevention measures mandatory? What would be needed to be able to identify effective waste prevention measures? Is there a need to update and improve Annex IV (examples of waste prevention measures)?
- How to address rebound effects of prevention and reuse measures?
- How can EPR contribute to prevention and reuse?
How can requirements regarding prevention and reuse under 8a be strengthened?
- Are there other issues to be addressed in order to strengthen the Waste Framework Directive with regard to prevention?

Participants may find inspiration in the following studies:

- TULIP. 2023: [The missing piece of the EU Green Deal. The Case for an EU Resources Law.](#)
- Deloitte. 2023: [Waste prevention measures in the Waste Framework Directive.](#)
- Eunomia, TOMRA, Minderoo Foundation, Handelens Miljøfond, and Zero Waste Europe. 2023: [Reimagining the Waste Framework Directive.](#)
- ECOS, EEB, Recycling Network, RREUSE, Zero Waste Europe: [Waste Framework Directive review Why we need waste prevention targets now.](#)
- CE Centre. 2020: [Reuse. The understudied circular economy strategy.](#)
- Het Groene Brein. 2022: [Towards Circular Targets.](#)
- EEA. 2023: [Tracking waste prevention progress.](#)