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“A futureproof EU Waste Framework Directive” workshop

June 13th and 14th 2024
Mechelen – Belgium

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH 2024, SOCIO-CULTURAL PROGRAM

- 16:00 – 18:00 Guided Tour in the City Center of Mechelen
Starting point: [Schepenhuis](#), Grote Markt
Group 1: Europe in Mechelen, Mechelen in Europe
Group 2: Great beautiful Mechelen
Group 3: On the art trail
- 18:00 Gathering at [Salons Van Dijck](#) (Frederik de Merodestraat 33)
- 18:30 – 22:00 Dinner at Salons Van Dijck

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH 2024, WORKSHOP PROGRAM, [HET PREDIKHEREN](#)

Mandela Room, Het Predikheren (Goswin de Stassartstraat 88)

- 8:30 – 9:00 Morning coffee
- 9:00 – 9:10 Welcome by hosting City, **Bart Somers**, Mayor of Mechelen
- 9:10 – 9:15 Video message **Zuhal Demir**, Minister of Flanders for Justice and Enforcement, Environment, Energy and Tourism
- 9:15 – 9:35 Setting the scene, **Werner Annaert**, OVAM
- 9:35 – 10:30 **Plenary session** with keynote speeches:
9:35 – 9:55 **Karolina D’Cunha**, DG ENV European Commission, about the evaluation of the Waste Framework Directive
9:55 – 10:15 **Almut Reichel**, European Environment Agency, about insights from relevant studies
10:15 – 10:30 Q&A Session
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
- Mandela Room, Het Predikheren*
- 11:00 – 12:00 Panel discussion about key challenges for EU waste policy
Stéphane Arditi, EEB – **Carin Lidman**, CEMR – **Andreas Brieger**, SMEUnited
Moderator: **Victor Dries**, OVAM
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch at the event venue

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH 2024, BREAKOUT SESSIONS

13:30 - 14:45

Breakout sessions #1

All breakout sessions mentioned under the same time slot are conducted simultaneously at distinct locations

1) Prevention: making tangible what is not there

Arendt Room, Het Predikheren

Moderator: **Sofie Bouteligier**, OVAM

2) Waste hierarchy: in need of revival?

Oud Huys Room, [Hotel Elisabeth](#) (Goswin de Stassartstraat 28)

Co-moderators: **Elizbeth Czaerck** and **Tom Creten**, OVAM

3) Waste/non-waste: how to address challenges?

Mandela Room, Het Predikheren

Co-moderators: **Victor Dries** and **Wouter Dujardin**, OVAM

14:45 - 15:15

Coffee break

Mandela Foyer, Het Predikheren

Hotel Elisabeth (Goswin de Stassartstraat 28)

15:15 - 16:30

Breakout sessions #2

All breakout sessions mentioned under the same time slot are conducted simultaneously at distinct locations

1) Biowaste collection: learning from experiences

Oud Huys Room, [Hotel Elisabeth](#) (Goswin de Stassartstraat 28)

Co-moderators: **Elizbeth Czaerck** and **Gil Gram**, OVAM

2) Substances of concern in material loops: towards safe recycling

Mandela Room, Het Predikheren

Moderator: **Christof Delatter**, OVAM

3) What place for waste incineration in a circular economy?

Arendt Room, Het Predikheren

Moderator: **Victor Dries**, OVAM

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