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 AQUARIUM OF SEVILLE - AUDITORIUM

 18/05/2022  11:30-13:00

Chairperson: Pedro Fernández Bautista - Advocacy Committee of the Spanish Marine Litter Association

DESCRIPTION

Transitioning towards circular economies requires scientific and technical knowledge together with the economic and governance support. The round table about governance and circular economy gathers different levels of public administrations to examine initiatives in terms of coordination, funding opportunities, engagement with private businesses, and consumers' awareness, among others. The discussion on best practices, lessons learned and challenges for the circular economy will allow for better insights on the way forward and strengthening the cooperation among stakeholders.



CHAIRPERSON

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SPEAKERS

PROGRAMME

(See the available presentations of this session by clicking on the presentation title)

11.30 – 11.35h - Welcome and presentation of the session objectives

Pedro Fernández Bautista - Advocacy Committee of the Spanish Marine Litter Association

11:35 – 11:45h - Barcelona Convention: initiatives on blue circular economy and green businesses

Magali Outters - Policy Area Team Leader. MedWaves, the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP

11:45 – 11:55h - Circular economy planning instruments in the General State Administration

Carmen Durán Vizán -Technical Advisor. Subdirectorate General of Circular Economy. Directorate General for Environmental Quality and Assessment. Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge

11:55– 12:05h - Transposition at regional level of the national regulations: Circular economy focusing on plastics governance and strategy for Andalucía

David Fernández Guerra - Chief of Cabinet. General Direction for Environmental Quality and Climate Change. Regional Government of Andalusia

Ms. Magali Outters

 Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (UEP/MAP-SCP/RAC)

 Team Leader Policy Area



Ms. Carmen Duran

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Mr. David Fernández Guerra

 Junta de Andalucía

 Chief of Cabinet. General Direction for Environmental Quality and Climate Change.



SPEAKERS

12:05 – 12.15h - Experiences in Canarias Islands to mitigate marine litter

Carlos Javier Diaz Rivero - European Funds Coordinator. Vice-councillor for Climate Change and Ecological Transition. Government of Canarias Island

12.15 – 12:25h - Drive circularity via behavior change

Luis Medina-Montoya - Director General for the Environment and Sustainability, Environmental Sustainability Area, Malaga City Council

12:25 - 13:00 h -Debate. Finding solutions Run by Chair

Mr. Carlos Díaz Rivero

 Consejería transición ecológica y lucha contra el cambio climático. Gobierno de canarias

 European funds coordinator



Mr. Luis Medina-Montoya Hellgren

 Málaga City Council

 General Director Environment & Sustainability



Key message

- 1) Needs - coordination and overcoming the political cycles effects
- 2) Challenges - complexity of regulations should not negatively affect the goal achievement
- 3) Opportunities - coordination and cooperation at different administrative levels to ensure the economic transition needed. Concrete projects are allowing for implementation on the ground to foster circular economy



Short list of the main topics discussed

- An overview at regional level, Mediterranean basin, and support of the Barcelona Convention through the Medwaves RAC has been presented.
- Comprehensive actions and regulatory framework in Spain at national, regional and local levels have been presented
- Several tools are currently available, however there is a complex regulatory panorama where rules about different topics are overlapping to converge efforts in the circular economy goal (e.g. climate change regulations, packaging and waste management, among others). This multi-perspective approach could affect the capability to respond to the demands.
- The EU Next Generation funds shall become a great driving for circular economy.
- The debate highlighted as hindrances to a coherent and long-term strategy the political cycles and the internal administrative formalities and obligations to ensure ad hoc tools (e.g. financial support to the actions plans)

Conclusions

- Public administrations at different levels are supporting the economic transition through an ad hoc regulatory framework and actions plans approved.
- The next years toward 2030 are crucial to the circular economy transition
- The administrations recognized the importance of collaboration and coordination at the different levels of public management to achieve better results. A commitment for collaboration to promote an agile management getting through the barriers highlighted during the discussion.



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