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 AQUARIUM OF SEVILLE - AUDITORIUM

 18/05/2022  15:00-17:00

Chairperson: Estibaliz López-Samaniego - Vertidos Cero Association /
Vanessa Sarah Salvo - ICM-CISC

DESCRIPTION

Open discussion with main actors in the new phases for the extended producer responsibility (EPR) taking into account the European and Spanish regulations related with the EPR. Showcase of strategies from industry and networks of industry-funded systems for recycling as demonstrators action-oriented of the industry to mitigate the pollution in the environment. The round table will focus on experiences and lessons learned to establish advancing and coordinated actions for the Collective System for Expanded Producer Responsibility in alignment with the European Waste Directive.

CHAIRPERSON

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PROGRAMME

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

15:00 - 15:05 h - Welcome and presentation of the session objectives.

Estibaliz López-Samaniego - Vertidos Cero Association

15:05 - 15:15 h - Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance and its contribution to the solution of Marine litter

Monika Romenska - Regulatory and PA Manager. EXPRA

15:15 - 15:25 h - Lithuanian RAP systems in relation to Marine Litter

Gintaras Varnas - General Manager. Užstato Sistemos Administratorius (USAD)

15:25- 15:35 h - The role of the RAP in marine litter prevention

Julio López - Institutional Relations Manager at Ecoembes

15:35- 15.40 h - MAPLA, The Agriplastic producers contribution to a circular economy.

José María Bermejo - General Manager of Spanish Association Environment Plastics and Agriculture (MAPLA)

15.40 - 15:45 h - The Importance of Tyre Recycling

Isabel López-Rivadulla - Director of Communications and Marketing. Spanish Integrated Scrap Tire Management System (SIGNUS)

SPEAKERS

Ms. Monika Romenska

Extended Producer Responsibility alliance (EXPRA)

Regulatory and PA Manager



Mr. Gintaras Varnas

Užstato sistemos administratorius (USAD)

General manager



Mr. Julio López

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Institutional Relations Manager



Mr. Ramiro Cercós Coullaut-Valera

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15:45 - 15:50 h - The Beverag Can in a Circular Economy

Juan Ramón Meléndez - General Director of Asociación Latas de Bebidas

15:50 -15:55 h - Prevention of marine litter

Iñigo José Nuñez - Fundación Canarias Recicla / Ewaste

15:55-16:55 h - Debate

16:55 - 17:00 h - Wrap-up

SPEAKERS

Ms. Isabel L.-Rivadulla Sáñez

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 Director of Communication and Marketing



Mr. Juan Ramón Meléndez Agudín

 Spanish Association of Beverage Canmakers

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Mr. Iñigo José Nuñez

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Meeting objective - Expected output

Objective: identify how the Extended Producer Responsibility EPR will contribute to the marine litter reduction in term of mitigation of its impact and improvement in the management.

Expected output: Outline to set up opportunities, requirements and challenges for coordinated actions of the Collective Systems for Expanded Producer Responsibility improving the commitment of industry in the marine litter reduction and pollution mitigation.



Short list of the main topics discussed

- Brief showcase of best practices and experiences of industries and network for the Collective System for Extended Producer Responsibility
- Role of the stakeholders involved in the circular economy, from citizens to producers, focusing on the gaps and the strengths
- Discussion about the limits and extension of the Expanded Producer Responsibility in terms of scope and range. EPR does it finish in the waste containers? How to foster collective actions to avoid littering?



Action items

Preparation of an official round table with private, public sectors and civil society discussing the EPR its implication and improvement. This action should be coordinated by the AEBAM, as an independent organism. The first meeting of this group of work is foreseen for the end of 2022 beginning of 2023.

Conclusions

The producers are responsible for the entire life cycle of the products they introduce into the market, currently the new European Directive and its Spanish rule transposition (Ley 7/2022 of the 8th of April, modification of the abrogate L. 22/2011, of the 28th of July) enhance the role of the producer to tackle the pollution strengthening obligations for the productive sector. New duties are foreseen for producers as well as new sectors of the productive system have to establish an EPR system for the follow up of the life cycle of the products put into the market. In other words new EPR systems must be implemented (e.g. textile sector). During the discussion the main points were around the limits, or scope, of the responsibility and the role of citizens in the circular economy. The SCRAPs (Collective Systems for Expanded Producer Responsibility Spanish acronym) exposed their commitments to raise awareness about the recycling as well as some best practices to reduce the impact, such as the return system DRS for bottles or the activities of the tyres industry. On the other hand, several concerns emerged about the measures requested by decision-makers to the private sector, some of which are hard to put on the field. Doubts about the “how” and “when” to implement them balancing the profits of the private sector together with the commitment with society and the planet. There are some overlapping competences of the actors involved in (e.g. administrations, private sector and civil society). In the meantime organisations belonging to civil society are asking for more involvement of the private sector underling the producers must mitigate the environmental impacts of their products, the actions done are not enough. The forum reveals the lack of a common table in which set up discussions between all actors to identify the most advantageous for all parties involved in.







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