CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND REGULATORY COOPERATION AND STANDARDIZATION

25th of November 15:00-17:00 CEST
26th of November 11:00-13:00 CEST
This agenda item responds to the outcomes of the sixty-ninth session of the ECE Commission held on 20 and 21 April 2021, devoted to the topic of “circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources.” In the Commission decision, ECE member States flagged the importance they give to the circular economy and charted the way towards concrete actions in support of a circular economy transition, including guidance for the ECE intergovernmental machinery and the secretariat. The panel discussion will explore how the deliverables of WP.6 can contribute to the circular economy transition and consider associated themes which may be taken into consideration by the Working Party.

This panel will discuss the circular economy and its relation to technical regulation, standardization, conformity assessment, and market surveillance, as well as risk management and gender inclusiveness. It will explore how WP.6 may contribute to promoting and facilitating a circular economy transition and the sustainable use of natural resources within the framework of its existing mandate.

Interpretation will be provided to the three official languages of the ECE.

Panel 1: Presentations on existing workflows of WP.6 and their relation to a circular economy

Panel 2: Discussion on the work program of WP.6 and circular economy

The speakers will lead a session-wide discussion on topics such as:

- How could the Working Party best contribute to promoting and facilitating a circular economy transition and the sustainable use of natural resources within the framework of its existing mandate?
- What are key topics that provide possible areas of engagement for the Working Party?
- Would non-binding recommendations, guidelines, or analysis prepared within WP. 6 support finding ways forward?
PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Opening:
Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director, UNECE
Ms. Heidi Lund, Senior Adviser, Sweden National Board of Trade

Keynote Speech:
Mr. Joss Bleriot, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, (tbc)

Panel Discussion:
Ms. Marika Keskinen, Tukes Finland, Market Surveillance
Mr. Magnus Pedersen, Swedac, Conformity Assessment
Mr. Donald Macrae, Risk Management
Ms. Stephanie Eynon, BSI, Gender-Responsive Standards
Mr. Anthony Donnellan, OIML, Metrology
Mr. Serguei Kouzmin, Consultant, Education on Standards

Moderator:
Ms. Heidi Lund, Senior Adviser, Sweden National Board of Trade

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