



# UNECE Team of Specialists on Environmental, Social and Governance Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy

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## Fourth Working Meeting

09 July 2024, 15:00 -17:30 CEST, Meeting room H-313, Building H, Palais des Nations, Geneva and online (MS Teams)

**CHAIR: Mr. Christian Hudson**, Chair of UNECE Team of Specialists on ESG Traceability for Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy

### Opening and Welcome Remarks

15:00 –  
15:10

The Chair of the Team welcomes the participants and UNECE delivers high-level opening remarks.

- **Ms. Elisabeth Türk**, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- **Mr. Christian Hudson**, Chair of the Team
- **Ms. Katrin Perlmutter**, Senior Policy Officer, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany (online)

### Item 1: Transparency at scale for due diligence and ESG compliance in textiles

15:10 – 15:40

Following a meeting held in the side-lines of the OECD Forum on Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Sector on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024, the Team developed a matrix of initiatives supporting transparency at scale for due diligence and ESG compliance in the textile sector. The matrix is presented to the ToS experts for discussion.

- **Mr. Thomas Hesketh**, Sustainable Textile of the Asian Region (STAR) Network (online)
- **Mr. Ninh Trinh**, Director Responsible Sourcing & Sustainability, Target (online)
- **Mr. Gregory Sampson**, Solutions Architect, International Trade Centre

Reference document: Draft matrix of initiatives

### Item 2: ESG traceability in support to the objectives of data ecosystems

15:40 –  
16:10

ESG value chain data and traceability link up to the use, reuse and sharing of data available in existing data ecosystems and spaces. For instance, the EU Green Deal Data Space (GDSS) is a leading initiative in this space whereby ESG traceability plays an enabling role. The Team explores how it can contribute to these efforts.

- **Mr. Sotirios Kanellopoulos**, Policy Officer - Information and Reporting, Strategy, Digitalization, Better Regulation & Economic Analysis, Directorate General for Environment, European Commission (online)
- **Mr. Dexter Galvin**, Chief Commercial and Partnerships Officer or Pietro Bertazzi, Global Director, Policy Engagement & External Affairs, Carbon Disclosure Project (TBC)
- **Q&A**

### Item 3: Governance of global ESG data sharing

16:10 –  
16:30

The governance of global ESG data sharing is a prominent issue which the Team can support to advance through its multi-stakeholder platform and sets of traceability tools already available.

- **Mr. Eric Pol**, Chair of the board, MyData

### Item 4: ESG traceability in support of Digital Product Passports

16:30 –  
17:10

Digital Product Passports can be a game changer for governments, businesses and consumers to ensure verified and substantiated claims, albeit requiring traceability and transparency. The UNECE Recommendation No. 49 and the UN Transparency Protocol (UNTP) provide policy guidance on implementing traceability and transparency at scale across borders and industries. The Team deeps dive into ongoing initiatives to strengthen co-operation looking at complementarities.

- **Ms.Carolynn Bernier**, CIRPASS Consortium Coordinator, Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA)
- **Mr. Steven Capell**, UN/CEFACT Vice Chair, Australia and Project Lead for UNECE draft Recommendation No. 49 Transparency at Scale
- **Q&A**

Reference document: [UNECE draft Recommendation 49 Transparency at Scale](#)

### Item 5: Product Circularity Data Project – Updates

17:10-17:20

On 09 April 2024, the UN/CEFACT Bureau approved the Product Circularity Data Standard, an extension of the existing traceability and transparency standard for textile and leather, providing business requirement specifications (BRS) supporting standardized data exchange for circular business models. The Team discusses this important milestones and steps to support uptake.

- **Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos**, CEO, Triangularity and UN/CEFACT Project Lead and **Mr. Gerhard Heemskerk**, eBusiness consultant and UN/CEFACT Expert
- **Q&A**

Reference document: UNECE-UN/CEFACT [BRS on Product Circularity Data Use Case](#)

## Closing

17:20-17:30

The Chair summarizes the main take aways of the 4<sup>th</sup> working meeting and next steps.

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