



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
 - **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 21st 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**, Head, 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 documents: Matrix of initiatives to scale traceability and transparency 'ESG ToS synergies and collaboration' (draft)

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

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)

- 15:40 – 16:10 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
 - **Ms. Marie Falk**, Sustainability Reporting Technical Manager, European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) (online)
 - **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
 - **Mr. Anthony Zacharzewski**, President, Democratic Society (online)

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. Carolyn Bernier**, CIRPASS-2 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 documents: [UNECE draft Recommendation 49 Transparency at Scale](#) ; [Briefing Note on Draft Recommendation No. 49, the United Nations Transparency Protocol and Digital Product Passport](#)

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 Heemskerck**, 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 4th working meeting and next steps.

Further Information [here](#)

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