

FINAL CONFERENCE

Capacity building for environmental tax reform

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Location: Room JDE52 and Atrium 6 (6th floor)
Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99/101,
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AGENDA

And independent experts: Janis Brizga, Prof. Theodoros Zachariadis
(Cyprus University of Technology) and Katja Kavcic Sonnenschein

08.45-09.15 Registration & welcome coffee

09.15-09.45 Setting the scene: Economic instruments for pollution control and natural resource management

- Welcome address
Roby Biver (Committee of the Regions, member of Commissions on Economic Policy, Environment Climate Change & Energy, and Natural Resources)
- Introduction to economic instruments to address pollution and resource use
Patrick ten Brink (IEEP)
- Introduction to the study: tasks, themes, key messages
Emma Watkins (IEEP)

09.45-10.25 Thematic session: Air pollution

- Policy issues, relevance of market-based instruments (MBIs), key findings
Andrea Illés (IEEP)
- Case study: Czech Republic: Experience & outlook of the air pollution fee
Jakub Achrer (Czech Environment Ministry) (tbc)
- Q&A

10.25-11.20 Thematic session: Waste, resources and circular economy

- Policy issues, relevance of MBIs, key findings
Sarah Ettliger (Eunomia)
- Case study: Finnish deposit refund system (DRS)
Pasi Nurminen (PALPA)
- Case study: Belgian pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) schemes
John Wante (OVAM)
- Q&A

11.20-11.40 Coffee break

11.40-12.35 Thematic session: Water quality and marine litter

- Policy issues, relevance of MBIs, key findings
Mikael Skou Andersen (Aarhus University-DCE)
- Case study: Poland: Waste water taxation to address urban and industry discharges
Kamila Paquel (IEEP)
- Case study: Netherlands: Addressing plastic waste in Dutch ports
Coen Peelen (Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure & Environment)
- Q&A

12.35-13.30 Lunch break and networking opportunity

13.30-14.25 Thematic session: Water stress and availability

- Policy issues, relevance of MBIs, key findings
Anders Branth Pedersen (Aarhus University-DCE)
- Case study: Cyprus: Pricing for irrigation and the cost of scarcity
Christos Zoumides (The Cyprus Institute)
- Case study: The stake-pay-say principle in the Netherlands
Herman Havekes (Dutch Water Authorities)
- Q&A

14.25-15.20 Thematic session: Biodiversity and land use

- Policy issues, relevance of MBIs, key findings
Daniela Russi (IEEP)
- Case study: Fishing fees supporting salmon conservation and management in Ireland
Dr. Ciaran Byrne (Inland Fisheries Ireland)
- Case study: The Danish pesticide tax
Jens Holger Helbo Hansen (Danish Ministry of Taxation)
- Q&A

15.20-15.40 Tea and coffee break

15.40-16.30 Poster promenade to gather participants' inputs

Opportunity for participants to look at posters showing examples of past and future civil society engagement in each thematic area, and offer additional insights

16.30-17.30 Concluding expert roundtable and Q&A from the floor

Future policy needs, windows of opportunity, encouraging civil society engagement

Chair: Patrick ten Brink (IEEP)

Experts: Aire Rihe (Estonian Presidency), Malgorzata Kicia (DG ENV, European Commission), Eero Yrjö-Koskinen (Green Budget Europe)

17.30 Close of conference

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