



# European Social Partners' project on Circular Economy Cluster seminar Belgium - Czechia - Germany - Denmark 29 October 2020 - on-line Agenda

## 09:30 - 09:45 Welcome and introduction to the project and seminar

BusinessEurope - Rebekah Smith, Deputy Director Social Affairs

SMEUnited - Liliane Volozinskis, Director Social Affairs

CEEP - Guillaume Affelat, Policy Advisor Social Affairs

ETUC - Ludovic Voet, Confederal Secretary

## 09:45 - 10:00 Introduction to Circular Economy

Presentation (10')

- What is Circular Economy?
- EU Circular Economy Action Plans (2015 and 2020)
- Circular Economy indicators for the participating Member States + whole EU

Laurent ZIBELL, Trinomics

Questions & Answers (5')

## 10:00 - 11:00 Impacts on employment volume and competitive position

Moderator: *Alexandre Affre, BusinessEurope Deputy Director General and Director for Industrial Affairs*

Preliminary findings of the study (10') - Laurent ZIBELL, Trinomics

2 examples of impacts of circular economy transition and solutions found (20'):

- **Christine Bunte, BASF & Michael Wolters, Industriegewerkschaft Bergbau, Chemie, Energie** (Sectoral trade union)
- **Günter Langer, AWM** (Munich Waste Management company)

Followed by panel discussion among speakers and Q&A with participants (40')



## 11:00 - 11:15 Break

## 11:15 - 12:15 Impacts on qualifications & skills, forms & organisation of work, health & safety

Moderator: *Felix Mailleux, Advisor, ETUC*

Preliminary findings of the study (10') - **Laurent ZIBELL, Trinomics**

3 examples of impacts of circular economy transition and solutions found (20'):

- **Guillaume Durivaux, EPSU** (Public sector trade unions) - main findings of project on circular economy and concrete examples
- **Simon Vandevoorde** - Workplace Expert -NNOF (Belgian SME)
- **Jesper Lund-Larsen, 3F** (United Federation of Workers in Denmark)

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## 12:15 - 13:15 Lunch Break

## 13:15 - 14:30 National break-out sessions

In each session, discussion among participants:

- Challenges and opportunities brought by the transition to a Circular Economy, including for specific sectors
- Reflections on potential joint actions by social partners

*Group 1: Denmark*

*Group 2: Germany*

*Group 3: Belgium*

*Group 4: Czechia*

(Sessions will include national social partners and national sectoral social partners - participants to be decided jointly at national level. One rapporteur to be appointed by each group.)

## 14:30 - 15:00 Sharing of conclusions from break-out sessions

Moderators - **Leon de Graaf, BusinessEurope & Felix Mailleux, ETUC**

Feedback from rapporteur of each group

## 15:00 - 15:15 Conclusions and wrap-up by European social partners

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