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Webinar: APPROXIMATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EU WASTE LEGISLATION: EXPERIENCE FROM ESTONIA

March 3, 2021 / 09:00 - 11:30 / Agenda

9:00-9:10

Introduction

Introduction to the topic, speakers, and an overview of the current state of waste and associated challenges in BiH. Irem Silajdžić

9:30-9:50

Estonian experience in the context of approximation to EU waste legislation

Examination of topics such as the EU approximation process and Estonian approximation strategy concerning waste. The goal is to explain how the negotiation process developed and outline the main challenges during this process.

Peeter Eek, Earthcare

9:10-9:30

Challenges and development needs in light of the EU Waste Framework: Estonia case study.

An overview of the Estonian waste management situation, main challenges, and development needs with regard to the EU Waste Framework Directive. Elaboration on general requirements of the EU policy framework.

Harri Moora, SEI Tallinn

Break

9:50-10:00

Transformation of waste management system in Estonia: From landfilling to circular economy

Discussion of the main principles and challenges in moving up the waste management hierarchy, and lessons learned.

Peeter Eek, Earthcare

10:20-10:40

Enabling factors and key elements for moving toward sustainable waste management

Examination of the roles and responsibilities of legal and institutional systems, institutional frameworks, infrastructure and technology, and financing.

Harri Moora and Peeter Eek

10:40-11:20

10:00-10:20

Panel discussion with Q&A

Open space for webinar participants to ask questions to presenters.

Draženko Bjelić, external experts, and participants

11:20-11:30

Closing remarks

Summary of key conclusions and messages.

Irem Silajdžić and Draženko Bjelić



Activity summary

The webinar will showcase Estonian experiences of the approximation and implementation processes of EU waste legislation and related strategies. The experts will discuss how a country in transition like BiH can move up the waste management hierarchy, reflecting on lessons learned from Estonia.

Moderators

Irem Silajdžić, Draženko Bjelić

Panelists



Harri Moora is a program director at SEI Tallinn. He holds a PhD in Environmental Technology from Tallinn University of Technology and an MSc in Environmental Management and Policy from Lund University. His research interests include EU environmental policy analysis and circular economy. Harri has more than 20 years of experience in coordinating national and international research projects on sustainable waste management and sustainable consumption and production. He has written numerous research reports and peer-reviewed articles on these topics.



Peeter Eek has worked in waste management for nearly 30 years, in the public sector till 2018, and since 2019 for private environmental consultancy firm Earthcare. This included work in the regional Environmental Office, with involvement in the Estonia EU Landfill Directive compatible landfill project, and also closure of the old dumping sites, waste permitting, environmental taxation, and waste reports. Between 2001–2017 he worked as director general of the Waste Department at the Ministry of the Environment, Estonia. During this period Estonia ended EU membership negotiations and became an EU member state, forcing much change in its waste management sector.