

From Vision to Implementation: Shaping Policies to Boost Circular Bio-Based Transition

A series of workshops involving policy experts from textile, construction, plastics and chemical sectors

CHEMICAL sector, 27th of February 2025, 10:00 - 11:30 CEST, Online

Context	<p>The workshop is organised in the context of the SUSTRACK project, which is aimed at supporting policymakers in their efforts to develop sustainable pathways to replace fossil and carbon-intensive systems with sustainable circular and bio-based systems.</p> <p>This workshop is dedicated to the (non-plastics) chemical sector. It is part of the “From Vision to Implementation: Shaping Policies to Boost Circular Bio-Based Transition” series of workshops, involving policy experts from the most carbon intensive sectors beyond energy: textile, construction, plastics and chemical.</p> <p>These workshops will culminate in the online “IMPLEMENT Conference” (21th March 2025), where these workshops’ outcomes will be shared as key steps in designing recommendations for policymakers and industrial stakeholders to inform their actions towards the circular bio-based transition.</p>
Target participants	Policy experts and stakeholders in the chemical sector, from policy, research, industry, and civil society.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gain insights from keynote speakers outlining the transition challenge, the policy landscape and visions for the transition of the chemical sector; ● Explore policy options identified by the SUSTRACK project that may be considered to boost the circular bio-based economy transition in the chemical sector; ● Collaboratively identify the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed policy options, as well as discuss further possible policy opportunities/approaches.
Expected outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acquire actionable knowledge base for choosing between different policy options to accelerate the transition in the chemical sector; ● Gain in-depth knowledge of strengths and weaknesses of different policy options, paving the way for prioritizing future policy pathways and understanding their implications for governance, industry, research and the society.
Format	Key note speakers will introduce the transformation status and challenges by providing short pitches. In a second step, the SUSTRACK consortium will present its approach to identify policy options and outline the selected policies in more detail. In an interactive session, participants will then be able to discuss the policy options, suggest alternative policies and share insights on implementing the policies and subsequent effects on the sector, politics and society.

Organiser	SUSTRACK	https://www.sustrack.eu
Registration	The workshop is free of charge - Registration is mandatory. Please, register here at last the day before the workshop at noon.	
Link	<p>Join Zoom Meeting</p> <p>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86586614645?pwd=99ML5tlaTXnXRVHenqJAJHkotV9JMZ.1</p> <p>Meeting ID: 865 8661 4645</p> <p>Passcode: 562690</p>	

Agenda

Opening by SUSTRACK 5'	Overview of the conference objectives and agenda and introduction of SUSTRACK project <i>UNITELMA SAPIENZA</i>
Key note speeches 20'	Ivana Krkljuš, Corporate Strategy for Green Transformation at BASF (5') <i>The transformative power of renewable carbon and its role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions</i>
	Richard Kempen, Policy Officer Circular Economy & Climate (Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management) (5') <i>Drafting policy to transition the chemical industry to sustainable carbon</i>
	Marco Pellegrini, Bioeconomy Manager at European Chemical Industry Council (5') <i>Challenges and opportunities for the biomass-derived chemical sector: a look ahead</i>
	Q&A session (5')
SUSTRACK policy factsheets 20'	Presentation of SUSTRACK policy options (15')
	Q&A session (5')
Open discussion 40'	Interactive session to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss strengths and weaknesses of the proposed policy options; • suggest alternative policies; • share insights on implementing the policies and subsequent effects on the sector.
Conclusions 5'	Closing remarks