

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

PLASTICS sector, 5th of March 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 plastics 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 plastics 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 plastics sector; ● Explore policy options identified by the SUSTRACK project that may be considered to boost the circular bio-based economy transition in the plastics 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 plastics 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	Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83818341910?pwd=MXdPJuw9tycqyBbvNta6R7Hf3lzXSx.1 Meeting ID: 838 1834 1910 Passcode: 524642

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'	Agata Kotkowska, Deputy Head of Unit at the European Commission's DG Environment (5') <i>EU policies on bio-based plastics and the bioeconomy</i>
	Lara Dammer, Head of Economy & Policy at Nova Institute (5') <i>Status quo of the renewable transition - where do we stand on circular and bio-based feedstocks and what needs to be done?</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