
SYSTEMIC TOOLS FOR AN EU RESOURCE EFFICIENCY STRATEGY

THINK TANKS JOINT MEETING

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DIRECTIONS

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BACKGROUND

European Partners for the Environment (EPE), the European Committee of Environment Technology Suppliers Associations (EUCETSA), and the European Water Partnership (EWP), which launched in 2006 the Resource Efficiency Alliance, are inviting you to a think tanks joint meeting on the EU Resource Efficiency Strategy, which should be prepared by the Commission in 2011.

Resource Efficiency is now a priority issue for several EU Directorates dealing with trade, industry, environment and is one of the Europe 2020 Strategy flagship initiative titled: "Low-carbon, Resource Efficient Europe". The stated objective of the resource efficiency flagship initiative is to: "*decouple economic growth from the use of resources, support the shift towards a low carbon economy, increase the use of renewable energy sources, modernise our transport sector and promote energy efficiency.*"

Economic analysis of the fundamental sustainability issues and potential strategies and solutions addressed by Resource Efficiency point to a wide array of actual and potential solutions that are cost-effective, efficient and should contribute to equitable strategies globally.¹

OBJECTIVES

This think tanks joint meeting will focus on main systemic leverages, tools and public-private joint initiatives to respond to 4 challenges the EU Resource Efficiency Strategy should address:

¹ See the Stern report, the UNEP Panel on Resource Management Reports.



- Challenge 1. Interdependencies between raw material, water, food, energy and global security agenda.
- Challenge 2. Scarcity of some raw materials and new developments in relation with access, control, regulation.
- Challenge 3. Mechanism to manage interdependences between (increasingly international) value chain interested parties.
- Challenge 4. Co-operation with Top Runners to accelerate the shift towards a low carbon and resource efficient Europe.

STRUCTURE

This think tanks joint meeting will have two sessions. Each session will be opened by short contributions from the EU Commission as well as think tanks participating in the meeting. Written contributions will be welcomed.

- Session 1. Resource Efficiency and Global Value Chain. How to adapt the present EU macro-economic rules/incentives towards a Resource Efficient Europe in a global framework?
- Session 2. Design a pro-active EU Resource Efficiency Strategy leading to systemic changes towards smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. How to exercise collective intelligence in a global, interconnected and interdependent world? How to design a voluntary open-coordination between actors and with front runners willing to leverage their respective powers and means to accelerate change?

REGISTRATION

Places are limited to 30, to secure your participation please send an email with your details to: info@epe.be to make sure a place is reserved for you.

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Draft Agenda of the Meeting

09:00	Welcome by the Chair Mr Tom Vereijken, President – European Partners for the Environment, European Water Partnership
09:15 – 10:00	Resource efficiency and global value chain Contributions from: Mrs Carina Vopel, DG Environment European Commission Resource Efficiency Task Force Mr Pierre Defraigne, Madariaga Foundation Mr Lionel Platteuw, The Resource and Energy Efficiency Partnership
10:00 – 10:30	Debate and Feedback with the Audience
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:45	A voluntary open-coordination to tackle systemic changes. Contributions from: Mr William Neale, DG Environment European Commission Cabinet Commissioner Potocnik Mr Philipp Schepelmann, Wuppertal Institute Mr Raymond Van Ermen, European Partners for the Environment
11:45 – 12:30	Debate and Feedback with the Audience
12:30	Close of Meeting by the Chair Mr Tom Vereijken, President – European Partners for the Environment, European Water Partnership