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European Social Partners' project on Circular Economy

Cluster seminar

Finland - Netherlands - Slovenia - Spain 28 January 2021 - online

Agenda

9.15-9.30 Connecting to the seminar

09:30 – 09:45 **Welcome and introduction to the project and seminar**

- **ETUC – Ludovic Voet, Confederal Secretary**
- **SMEUnited – Liliane Voložinskis, Director Social Affairs**
- **SGI Europe – Guillaume Affelat, Policy Advisor Social Affairs**
- **BusinessEurope – Rebekah Smith, Deputy Director Social Affairs**

09:45 – 10:15 **Introduction to Circular Economy**

- **Laurent ZIBELL, Trinomics (10')**

EU Circular Economy Action Plans (2015 and 2020)

Circular Economy indicators for the participating Member States + whole EU

- **Joke DUFOURMONT/Esther GOODWIN BROWN, Circle Economy (10') (TBC)**

Jobs & skills in the circular economy (2020)

How labour market issues apply to the circular economy transition

Opportunities & challenges

Questions & Answers (10')

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:30 Impacts on employment volume and competitive position

Moderator: **Alexandre Affre/Cecilia Serrano-Piedecasas, BusinessEurope**

Speakers/Presentations (40')

- **Laurent ZIBELL, Trinomics** (Preliminary findings of the study)
- **Joan VILA, CEO of LCPaper**
- **Workers' representative from a Finnish company (TBC)**
- **Management representative from a Finnish company (TBC)**

Followed by panel discussion among speakers and Q&A with participants (20')

11:30 – 11:45 Break

11:45 – 12:45 Impacts on qualifications & skills, forms & organisation of work, health & safety

Moderator: **Felix Mailleux, Advisor, ETUC**

Speakers/Presentations (40')

- **Laurent ZIBELL, Trinomics** (Preliminary findings of the study)
- **Dr. Mustapha Kamal Gueye, Coordinator Green Jobs Programme, ILO (TBC)**
- **Employers' organisation (Slovenia TBC)**
- **Caroline Rietbergen (Netherlands FNV)**

Followed by panel discussion among speakers and Q&A with participants (20')

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch Break

13:45 – 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: Finland

Group 2: Netherlands

Group 3: Slovenia

Group 4: Spain

(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 – 15:30 Sharing of conclusions from break-out sessions

Moderators – **Rebekah Smith, BusinessEurope & Felix Mailleux, ETUC**

Feedback from rapporteur of each group

15:30 – 15:35 Conclusions and wrap-up by European social partners

- **BusinessEurope – Rebekah Smith, Deputy Director Social Affairs**
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