

Circular Economy Policy Making for Traceability of Chemicals along Value Chains

15th of October 2024, Brussels



In the EU Interreg project ECHT, actors along the textile value chain (H&M, LIST, Inditex, Puma, Team2, etc.) are convinced that the traceability of chemicals in their products is an essential prerequisite for meeting the objectives of the Sustainable Textiles Strategy. As part of the project, roadmaps for the implementation of chemicals traceability in the industry will be developed – complemented by a policy action plan.

For this reason, together with the German Federal Environment Agency (UBA), the Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences is organizing a one-day event dedicated to this topic. Based on the project results from ECHT and expert contributions from the textile value chains and NGOs, the event aims to promote an active exchange with relevant stakeholders from industry and policy-makers. After briefly presenting interesting insights and intermediate results from the ECHT project including the development of two potential future scenarios as well as a Theory of Change, the event addresses important issues such as:

- How do we overcome barriers that block the path to chemicals traceability?
- How can chemicals traceability requirements be reconciled with legitimate confidentiality requirements?
- How can stakeholders at the end of the life cycle benefit from full traceability of the chemicals contained in products?
- How can chemicals traceability be applied through global value chains?

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AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, October 15th, 2024
Time: 09:00 - 19:30 h
Location: Vertretung des Landes Hessen bei der EU, 21, Rue Montoyer, 1000 Brussels
Organiser: Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences / German Environment Agency (UBA)

9:00 Arrival

9:30 Greeting - Johannes Bade (hessische Landesvertretung)

9:35 Welcome - Dr. Ioannis Dosis (UBA) and Dr. Jonas Rehn-Groenendijk (h_da)

9:45 Overview on regulatory landscape - Dr. Ioannis Dosis & Eva Becker (UBA)

10:00 **IMPULSES I**

- Sidsel Dyekjær | ChemSec
- Dr. Dorota Napierska | Zero Waste Europe
- Dr. Julian Schenten | Client Earth

10:50 Coffee Break

11:05 **IMPULSES II**

- Clara Hedström Cortinovis | H&M
- Charles de Graf | Sympany
- Christoph-Attila Kun | BASF

11:45 Insights from ECHT project - Dr. Jonas Rehn-Groenendijk (h_da)

12:00 Lunch / Networking

13:00 **WORKSHOP PART I - World Café (▶ Topics see next page)**

15:00 Coffee Break / Gallery Walk

15:20 **WORKSHOP PART II - Presentation and discussion**

17:00 Future Outlook - Prof. Dr. Martin Führ (h_da)

17:15 Closing remarks - Dr. Ioannis Dosis (UBA) and Dr. Jonas Rehn-Groenendijk (h_da)

17:30 Reception with Drinks / Networking

19:30 End of event

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Topics of World Café Workshop

Table 1: Defining Essential Information for Effective Chemicals Traceability

Moderation: Dr. Julian Schenten (ClientEarth)

- Data requirements
- Balancing confidentiality and data accessibility (CBI)
- Defining cut-off criteria
- Recycling & legacy chemicals

Table 2: Legislative Harmonization and Policy Gaps at the EU Level

Moderation: Dr. Arno Biber (Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology - LIST)

- Horizontal requirements (ESPR)
- Consistent approach between union policies
- Legislative gaps
- Enforcement challenges
- Overarching traceability strategy

Table 3: Support Mechanisms and Value Chain Engagement

Moderation: Milena Amaral (Neovili)

- Financial and non-financial support (incl. Capacity building)
- Cooperation in value chains
- Consumer awareness and participation
- End of Life

Table 4: Global Cooperation and International Standards

Moderation: Dr. Ioannis Dosis (UBA)

- Role of voluntary programmes and international initiatives
- Global value chains
- Role of treaties
- Funding