

Towards a Circular Economy

Untapping the potential of biowaste: opportunities and challenges ahead

Hosted by **Elsi Katainen, MEP**

11:00 AM -12:00 PM (CET)

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Online (Zoom)

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There is vast untapped potential for valorising bio-waste in Europe. EU policies such as the new Waste Framework Directive (WFD), which mandates bio-waste collection from 1 January 2024 onwards, seeks to support this. The European Green Deal aims to accelerate the transition towards a Circular Economy, and reduce food loss and waste

But how big is the potential? And how can it be untapped?

BIC teamed up with Zero Waste Europe (ZWE) to produce a first-of-its-kind report estimating the current and future availability of bio-waste in the EU-27 + and country specific factsheets.

In this workshop, we aim to connect EU and national policymakers, as well as key stakeholders and practitioners, to discuss how to untap the potential of bio-waste in Europe.

AGENDA			
11:00 – 11:05	<i>Foreword</i>	Elsi Katainen, <i>MEP</i>	European Parliament
Session 1: EU policy framework and facts & figures			
11:05 – 11:15	<i>Bio-waste in Europe – policies and opportunities</i>	Almut Reichel, <i>Project Manager</i>	European Environment Agency (EEA)
11:15 – 11:25	<i>The untapped potential: distance to potential captures of bio-waste, and the way to move forward</i>	Enzo Favoino, <i>Chair of Scientific Committee</i>	Zero Waste Europe (ZWE)
Session 2: How to untap the bio-waste potential in Europe? Case studies			
11:25 – 11:35	<i>RDI of bio-based industry side stream utilisation as a part of Kainuu RIS3 implementation</i>	Jouni Ponnikas, <i>Director, Regional Development</i>	Kainuu region (Finland)
11:35 – 11:45	<i>Urban Biowastes valorization in the Circular bio-economy domain</i>	Daniele Turati, <i>R&D Project Manager</i>	Novamont
11:45 – 11:55	<i>Q&A session: Untapping the potential of bio-waste: Opportunities and obstacles</i>	Moderated by Jack McQuibban, <i>Zero Waste Cities Programme Coordinator</i>	Zero Waste Europe
11:55 – 12:00	<i>Take-away messages and conclusion</i>	Elsi Katainen, <i>MEP</i>	European Parliament