

FINAL CONFERENCE

# Capacity building for environmental tax reform

Thursday 5 October 2017

Location: Room JDE52 (5<sup>th</sup> floor) and Atrium 6 (6<sup>th</sup> floor)  
Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99  
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# AGENDA

And independent experts: Janis Brizga, Prof. Theodoros Zachariadis  
(Cyprus University of Technology) and Katja Kavcic Sonnenschein

**08.45-09.15 Registration & welcome coffee** (outside Room JDE52, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

**09.15-09.45 Setting the scene: Economic instruments for pollution control and natural resource management** (Room JDE52, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

- **Welcome address**  
Roby Biver (Committee of the Regions, member of Commissions on Economic Policy, Environment Climate Change & Energy, and Natural Resources)
- **Introduction to economic instruments to address pollution and resource use**  
Patrick ten Brink (IEEP)
- **Introduction to the study: tasks, themes, key messages**  
Emma Watkins (IEEP)

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**09.45-10.25 Thematic session: Air pollution** (Room JDE52, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

- **Policy issues, relevance of market-based instruments (MBIs), key findings**  
Andrea Illés (IEEP)
- **Case study: Spain: Tax on fluorinated greenhouse gases**  
Ignasi Puig Ventosa (ENT Environment and Management)
- **Q&A**

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**10.25-11.20 Thematic session: Waste, resources and circular economy** (Room JDE52, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

- **Policy issues, relevance of MBIs, key findings**  
Sarah Ettliger (Eunomia)
- **Case study: Finnish deposit refund system (DRS)**  
Pasi Nurminen (PALPA)
- **Case study: Belgian pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) schemes**  
John Wante (OVAM)
- **Q&A**

**11.20-11.40 Coffee break** (outside Room JDE52, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

**11.40-12.35 Thematic session: Water quality and marine litter** (Room JDE52, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

- **Policy issues, relevance of MBIs, key findings**  
Mikael Skou Andersen (Aarhus University-DCE)
  - **Case study: Poland: Waste water taxation to address urban and industry discharges**  
Kamila Paquel (IEEP)
  - **Case study: Netherlands: Addressing plastic waste in Dutch ports**  
Coen Peelen (Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure & Environment)
  - **Q&A**
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### 12.35-14.00 Lunch break, networking opportunity & poster promenade (Atrium 6, 6<sup>th</sup> floor)

During lunch, participants will be encouraged to view posters showing examples of past and future civil society engagement in each thematic area, and add their own insights

### 14.00-14.55 Thematic session: Water stress and availability (Room JDE52, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

- Policy issues, relevance of MBIs, key findings  
Anders Branth Pedersen (Aarhus University-DCE)
- Case study: Cyprus: Pricing for irrigation and the cost of scarcity  
Christos Zoumides (The Cyprus Institute)
- Case study: The stake-pay-say principle in the Netherlands  
Herman Havekes (Dutch Water Authorities)
- Q&A

### 14.55-15.50 Thematic session: Biodiversity and land use (Room JDE52, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

- Policy issues, relevance of MBIs, key findings  
Daniela Russi (IEEP)
- Case study: Fishing fees supporting salmon conservation and management in Ireland  
Dr. Ciaran Byrne (Inland Fisheries Ireland)
- Case study: The Danish pesticide tax  
Jens Holger Helbo Hansen (Danish Ministry of Taxation)
- Q&A

### 15.50-16.10 Tea and coffee break (Atrium 6, 6<sup>th</sup> floor)

### 16.10-17.15 Concluding expert roundtable and Q&A from the floor (Room JDE52, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

Future policy needs, windows of opportunity, encouraging civil society engagement

Chair: Patrick ten Brink (IEEP)

**Experts:** Aire Rihe (Estonian Presidency), Malgorzata Kicia (DG ENV, European Commission), Eero Yrjö-Koskinen (Green Budget Europe)

### 17.15 Close of conference

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