



PROGRAMME

DAY 1

11:00 – 13:00 **Registration and welcome lunch**
Exhibition tour

13:00 – 13:05 **Welcome**
 Moderator: **Laura Shields**, Brussels Director, The Media Coach

13:05 – 13:15 **Plastics, a sustainable material with a challenge**
 Setting the Scene by **Patrick Thomas**, President, PlasticsEurope and CEO, Covestro

13:15 – 13:40 **Marine litter: are there solutions to this global environmental problem?**
 Keynote by **Professor Richard Thompson**, Plymouth University

13:40 – 14:05 **Circular economy and rethinking the future of plastics**
 Keynote by **Andrew Morlet**, CEO, Ellen MacArthur Foundation

14:05 – 14:20 **Coffee break**

14:20 – 14:45 **The European Marine Strategy Framework Directive**
 Keynote by **Daniel Calleja Crespo**, Director General DG Environment, European Commission

14:45 – 15:55 **Regional issues and solutions**, panel debate
 - **Mehmet Ceylan**, Deputy Minister of Environment and Urbanization of Republic of Turkey
 - **Bart Tommelein**, Secretary of State for the North Sea, Federal Government, Belgium
 - **Stefanie Werner**, Federal Environment Agency, Germany
 - **Ulf Björnholm**, Head, Brussels Liaison Office to the EU, UNEP
 - **Patrick Thomas**, President, PlasticsEurope and CEO, Covestro
 - **Daniel Calleja Crespo**, Director General, DG Environment, European Commission

15:55 – 16:25 **Networking break**

16:25 – 16:40 **Mission Zero – making products from waste**
Keynote by **Rob Boogaard**, CEO, Interface EMEA

16:40 – 17:50 **Pathways towards solutions**, panel debate
- **Dr Karl Kienzl**, Managing Director, Environment Agency, Austria
- **Marcus Eriksen**, Executive Director, 5 Gyres Institute
- **Andrew Morlet**, CEO, Ellen MacArthur Foundation
- **Rob Boogaard**, CEO, Interface EMEA
- **Tom Crotty**, Vice President, PlasticsEurope and Director, INEOS

17:50 – 18:00 **Summary & closing words day 1**

18:00 – 19:00 **Networking drinks at exhibition area**

19:00 – 22:30 **Evening programme & dinner**
Welcome by Karl-H. Foerster, Executive Director, PlasticsEurope Dinner
speech by **Roz Savage MBE**, ocean rower, environmental advocate, writer and speaker

DAY 2

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration and Coffee**

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome**

Moderator: **Laura Shields**, Brussels Director, The Media Coach

09:15 – 10:45 **Best prevention practices** – 3 parallel speedtalk sessions

Behaviour and education, moderated by Emma Priestland (Seas at Risk)

- **Sue Kinsey**, Marine Conservation Society
- **Henrik Beha Pedersen**, Plastic Change
- **Maria Wersterbos**, Plastic Soup Foundation
- **Eleonora Brionne**, Corepla
- **Theresa Zabell**, Fundación Ecomar
- **Francesca Battistelli**, Legambiente
- **Dominik Dobrowolski**, Recykling Rejs
- **Bas Stok**, Plastic Whale
- **Isabelle Poitou**, Mer-Terre
- **Stephanie Cieplik**, BKV (Plastics Concepts Recovery) GmbH

Waste management and collection, moderated by Costas Velis (Leeds Academy)

- **Prof. Dr. Ing. Urban**, Kassel University
- **Henny de Jong**, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment (NL)
- **Stephanie Maes**, Waste Free Oceans
- **Daniel Steadman/Madeleine Berg**, Fauna & Flora International FIDRA
- **Lorenzo Cavalli**, RKW Group
- **Jochen Berrens**, Borealis
- **Yavuz Eroglu**, PAGEV President
- **Hervé Millet**, PlasticsEurope
- **Kari Korhonen**, MOLOK
- **Bernard Le Moine**, CIPA

Product innovation, moderated by Matjaz Malgaj (EC DG Environment)

- **Joao Sousa**, IUCN
- **Sophie Thomas**, The Great Recovery (RSA)
- **Marco Versari**, Novamont
- **Gilbert Curtessi**, Transmare
- **Bert Groothuis**, SABIC Designing for Sustainability
- **Laia Puigmal Santacreu**, LEITAT
- **Jeff Wooster**, DOW
- **Françoise Gerardi**, Elipso

10:45 – 11:05 **Networking break**

11:05 – 11:25 **Reporting from speedtalk sessions**

Moderator: **Laura Shields**, Brussels Director, The Media Coach

11:25 – 12:40 **Towards a litter free society through circular economy and blue growth,**
panel debate

- **Margrete Auken**, MEP (Greens/European Free Alliance), Denmark
- **Marianne Wenning**, Director for 'Quality of Life, Water & Air', DG Environment, European Commission
- **Ruben Dekker**, Environment Attaché, Permanent Representation of The Netherlands to the EU
- **Mark Williams**, Vice President Europe, SABIC

12:40 – 12:50 **Wrap up**

Moderator: **Laura Shields**, Brussels Director, The Media Coach

12:50 – 13:00 **Closing**

Karl-H. Foerster, Executive Director, PlasticsEurope

13:00 – 14:30 **Networking lunch**

Exhibition remains open until 15:30