

# Dutch-Polish Seminar on Circular Economy

The Netherlands has set itself the goal of a fully circular economy by 2050. An economy without waste, where everything runs on reusable, recyclable and renewable products and raw materials. This goal brings significant challenges and opportunities to different sectors in the industry and society. Fortunately, there are many proven circular best practices in various parts of the supply chain in both the Netherlands and Poland. This short event offers you the opportunity to learn from the experience and knowledge of our guest of honour, minister Stientje van Veldhoven, Dutch minister for environment and a strong driving force behind circular economy in the Netherlands and Europe. We also welcome representatives from Polish government and some frontrunning companies in the sectors of plastics and the built environment, who will talk about their ambitions and the innovative business models, production processes, material use and other innovations they developed in their effort to build a more circular and climate neutral industry.

## AGENDA

### 10:30-10:50 Opening & Introduction Panel

- 10:30-10:35 Opening by moderator
- 10:35-10:40 Short welcome
- 10:40-10:50 Opening speech

**Richard Stephens**, Poland Today  
**Daphne Bergsma**, Dutch Ambassador in Poland  
**Robert Tomanek**, Vice-Minister of Development

### 10:50-11:40 Panel discussion on Plastics

- 10:50-10:55 Setting the scene about plastics in Poland
- 10:55-11:00 Polish Plastics Pact: the initiative, the network
- 11:00-11:05 Design for circularity: reusability, recyclability, renewability
- 11:05-11:10 Closing the loop: high value use of plastic recyclates
- 11:10-11:40 Panel discussion / Q&As

**Dr hab. Joanna Kulczycka**, Instytut GSMiE  
**Małgorzata Greszta**  
**Thor Tummers**, Unilever

**Ton van der Giessen**, Van Werven  
Moderator: **Dr Agnieszka Sznyk**, INNOWO

### Coffee Break (5 min)

- 11:40-11:45 Video presentation on circular economy
- 11:45-12:15 **Interview on Advancing Circular Economy in Europe**
- 11:45-12:15 Interview: state of play, challenges and opportunities
- 12:15-13:00 **Panel discussion on Material Flows in the Built Environment**
- 12:15-12:20 Setting the scene about the built environment
- 12:20-12:25 Material flows in the city – life cases
- 12:25-12:30 Circular concepts in Building & Construction
- 12:30-12:35 Demolition: high value collection, sorting & recycling
- 12:35-13:00 Panel discussion / Q&As
- 13:00 Closing

**Stientje van Veldhoven**, Minister for the Environment

**Ewa Kowalska-Ocneau**, WSP Poland  
**Michał Gelata**, The Municipality of Kraków  
Volker Wessels

**Ad van Liempd Sloopbedrijven**  
Moderator: **Richard Stephens**, Poland Today

The meeting will take place on June 30th, 2021 in a hybrid form - participants can join both online and in person from the studio in Warsaw -

REGISTRATION FORM: <https://hopin.com/events/dutch-polish-seminar-on-circular-economy>