

## Kick-off Meeting

# TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL CIRCULAR ECONOMY STRATEGY (NCES) AND ACTION PLAN

## AGENDA

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## Background

The past decades have witnessed unprecedented growth in demand for raw materials worldwide. Moreover, recent OECD modelling suggests that, in light of a growing world population and increasing affluence and living standards, materials use will further increase and more than double between 2018 and 2060 (from 76Gt to 167 Gt). Due to the growing amounts of materials use, environmental pressures such as land degradation, greenhouse gas emissions and the dispersion of toxic substances in the environment are also projected to double in the decades to come. More stringent resource efficiency and circular economy policies are therefore needed to address this emerging issue and to decouple materials consumption from economic growth.

Hungary has managed to decouple its economic growth from environmental pressures in spite of a relatively small natural resource base. It also has a fairly complete policy and legal framework for waste and material management, aligned with international commitments at the EU and OECD level. The economy remains less resource intensive compared to its European and OECD peers, showcased in its lower domestic material consumption (DMC) per capita. And while material productivity is below OECD average, indicating a relatively low level of efficiency in material wealth production, both recycling and material recovery rates as well as the resource efficiency of the economy have been improving.

Nevertheless, the economy remains largely linear, with scope for further integrating circular economy considerations into most sectoral policies and adopting a whole of government approach. The combinatorial effect of circular economy policies could have significant spill-overs across the economy beyond material use and waste management, and could be the basis for modern, competitive economic configurations. New and improved programmes on resource efficiency and waste prevention along the entire value chain could reveal important synergies across economic sectors. Strengthening economic instruments, improving extended producer responsibility, creating new markets for secondary materials, channelling R&D towards eco-innovation, digitalisation and the adoption of circular business models could be among the repertoire of possible solutions to harness idle assets, prevent waste and mainstream the circular economy in the public consciousness.

## Intended outcomes of the meeting

This meeting is the Kick-off meeting to launch the project “Technical Support for the Development of the National Circular Economy Strategy (NCES) and Action Plan”, commissioned by the European Commission’s DG REFORM at the request of the Ministry for Innovation and Technology of Hungary under the Structural Reform Support Programme. It will be implemented by the OECD.

The aim of the meeting is to introduce this project to circular economy stakeholders in Hungary, including representatives from the different Hungarian ministries, industry associations, academia and civil society. Following the presentation on the perspectives for a circular economy transition in Hungary, and based on an overview of national and international practices on designing circular economy strategies, the goal is also to engage the stakeholders in the discussion of:

- The different elements pertaining to a circular economy strategy;
- The different approaches to prioritise strategic goals and priorities; and
- The possible strategic goals and priority areas of this strategy.

The intended outcome of the meeting is to gain a better understanding of what the Hungarian circular economy community and related stakeholders believe the circular economy strategy for Hungary should entail. The outcomes of the meeting should also shed initial insights into the key sectors and areas that are of particular interest for the transition to a Hungarian circular economy.

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9:10 – 9:25	<i>Log in via Zoom</i>
9:25 – 9:30	<p><b>1. INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Shardul Agrawala</b>, Head of Division, OECD Environment Directorate Welcome and instructions about Zoom</p>
9:30 – 9:50	<p><b>2. OPENING STATEMENTS</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Shardul Agrawala</b>, Head of Division, OECD Environment Directorate Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Attila Steiner</b>, State Secretary, Ministry for Innovation and Technology, Hungary</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Kaspar Richter</b>, Head of Unit, DG REFORM, European Commission</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Rodolfo Lacy</b>, Director, OECD Environment Directorate</li> </ul>
9:50 – 10:15	<p><b>3. PERSPECTIVES ON OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL CIRCULAR ECONOMY STRATEGY</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Noémi Dálnoky</b>, Head of Unit, Ministry for Innovation and Technology Overview of perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Sándor Szoboszlai/Péter Kovács</b>, Head of Unit, Ministry for Innovation and Technology</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. István Szabó</b>, Vice President, National Research, Development and Innovation Office</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Anikó Juhász</b>, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Zsófia Bata-Jakab</b>, CEO, Hungarian Fashion &amp; Design Agency</li> </ul>
10:15 – 10:45	<p><b>4. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES ON DESIGNING CIRCULAR ECONOMY STRATEGIES</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Shardul Agrawala</b>, Head of Division, OECD Environment Directorate Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ms. Biljana Kulišić</b>, Key Expert, EIHP and BIOEAST Initiative, and <b>Mr. Markus Lier</b>, Senior Researcher, LUKE, Finland</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Eva Barteková</b>, Project Manager, OECD Environment Directorate</li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:25	<p><b>5. DISCUSSION ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL CIRCULAR ECONOMY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Noémi Dálnoky</b>, Head of Unit, Ministry for Innovation and Technology Moderated discussion with poll</p>
11:25 – 11:45	<p><b>6. PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT BLUEPRINT</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Shardul Agrawala</b>, Head of Division, OECD Environment Directorate Project objectives, governance, workplan and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Maarten Dubois</b>, Project Lead, OECD Environment Directorate</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Noémi Dálnoky</b>, Head of Unit, Ministry for Innovation and Technology</li> </ul>
11:45 – 12:00	<p><b>7. CLOSING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Shardul Agrawala</b>, Head of Division, OECD Environment Directorate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ms. Noémi Dálnoky</b>, Ministry for Innovation and Technology, Hungary</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Gaetano Civello</b>, Policy Officer, DG REFORM, European Commission</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Shardul Agrawala</b>, Head of Division, OECD Environment Directorate</li> </ul>
12:00	<i>End of meeting</i>



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