

WORKSHOP**Thai - EU Experts' Exchange on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Packaging**

Tuesday 5 September 2023, 9.00 - 16.30 hrs, VIE Hotel

OBJECTIVE:

The aim of the Workshop is to promote an exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices between EU and Thai experts in support of Thailand's work towards establishing a mandatory EPR system, which is a key component in Thailand's national agenda of Bio-Circular-Green Economy. The participants include Thai experts who are involved in the drafting of an EPR law, members of Thailand's Steering Committee for Packaging Management following the EPR and Circular Economy Principles, municipalities (such as Bangkok Metropolitan Administration), as well as Thailand's international partners (GIZ, UNEP, COBSEA). It is hoped that the Workshop will be a starting point for collaboration between Thailand and our international partners especially the EU on EPR and to further promote economic development together with environmental conservation.

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TIME	ACTIVITY
8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcoming Remarks by H.E. Sek Wannamethee, Ambassador of Thailand to Belgium and Luxembourg and Head of Mission to the European Union (<i>remote</i>) ➤ Opening Remarks by Mr. Asi Mamanee, Director-General, Department of European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs ➤ Introduction session (with mentimeter) by Dr. Punjaporn Wejchayanwiwat, Moderator ➤ Group Photo of Thai-EU experts and co-organizers
9.30 – 10.30	<p>Session 1: EU's sharing of best practices in EPR (regulatory and operational)</p> <p><u>Presentations (20 minutes each):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Frithjof Laubinger, Environmental Economist - Circular Economy, Environment Directorate at OECD <i>"EPR : theories, models, policy recommendations OECD Global Plastic Outlook with focus on Asia-Pacific Region"</i> ➤ Mr. Tjaco Twigt, Project Director for the Netherlands, Sea The Future, Minderoo Foundation <i>"From Voluntary to Mandatory: preparedness and key elements for success"</i> ➤ Mr. Kyriakos Parpounas, Managing Director, Parpounas Sustainability Consultants <i>"Success stories of EPR in developing countries, involvement of municipalities and the role of the informal sector"</i>
10.30 – 10.45	- Coffee break -
10.45 – 11.30	Session 2: Thailand's State-of-Play, Priorities and Challenges

	<p><u>Panel Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Taweechai Jiaranaikhajorn, Director of Waste Minimization Sub-division, Pollution Control Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment ➤ Dr. Sujitra Vassanadumrongdee, Researcher, Environmental Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University ➤ Mr.Patinya Silsupadol, TIPMSE Deputy Secretary General and Executive Board of Thailand Institute of Packaging and Recycling Management for Sustainable Environment (TIPMSE)
11.30 – 12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel Discussion between Thai and EU experts - Q & A
12.00 – 13.30	<i>- Lunch buffet -</i>
13.30 – 15.00	Focus Groups on how the EU's Best Practices could support the establishment of an effective EPR system in Thailand
Group A	<p>EPR: from voluntary to mandatory</p> <p><u>EU expert:</u> Mr. Tjaco Twigt, Minderoo Foundation <u>Thai expert:</u> Dr. Sujitra Vassanadumrongdee <u>Facilitator:</u> GIZ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lessons learnt regarding the drafting of EPR law(s) - Preparedness: examples of countries that are ready to implement the EPR law and those who are not ready. - Examples of reporting templates for PRO - How to prevent free-riders
Group B	<p>Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) : EPR in developing countries</p> <p><u>EU expert:</u> Mr. Kyriakos Parpounas, Parpounas Sustainability Consultants <u>Thai expert:</u> Mr.Patinya Silsupadol, TIPMSE <u>Facilitator:</u> GIZ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the roles of PRO in working with municipalities? - What are the roles of PRO in working with the informal sector? - How and to what extent should PRO support municipalities? - Challenges and solutions for establishing and enforcing a mandatory EPR system in developing countries - How to deal with packaging which is not recyclable? (snack bags, etc.)
Group C	<p>EPR Fees</p> <p><u>EU expert:</u> Mr. Frithjof Laubinger, OECD <u>Thai expert:</u> Mr. Panate Manomaiviboon, Mae Fa Luang University, Chiang Rai <u>Facilitator:</u> GIZ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to set up the EPR fee structure? - How do the fee calculation methods look like? What are the Pros and Cons of each method? - What is Eco-modulation? - How can Eco-modulation support the waste recovery system and incentivize the design optimization of packaging?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to set up and implement an effective reporting, monitoring, and auditing systems? - How does an EPR fee cover the clean-up and/or damage cost from leakages as prescribed in the sub directive?
15.00 – 15.15	<i>- Coffee Break -</i>
15.15 – 16.15	<p>Outcomes of the Focus Groups: The key takeaways and the way forward for Thailand-EU cooperation in EPR</p> <p><u>Moderator</u>: Dr. Punjaporn Wejchayanwiwat One representative from each Focus Group</p>
16.15 – 16.30	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Mr. Taweechai Jiaranaikhajorn, Director of Waste Minimization Sub-division, Pollution Control Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment</p>

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