



Closing the loop: ASEM's ∞ transition towards achieving a circular economy

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CONCEPT

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) is launching a review of the implementation experience of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries on Sustainable Development Goal 12 (SDG12): Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP).

The study “Closing the loop: ASEM’s transition towards achieving a circular economy” provides a bird-eye view of how 51 ASEM member countries approach the implementation of SDG12 targets and integrate them into national strategies, target-setting, and monitoring activities.

In order to achieve the targets of SDG 12, the publication sets out five key messages for ASEM member countries to address the full production and consumption cycle of natural resources and support a circular economy transition. The five key messages suggested are listed below:

1. Importance of creating strong policies and legislative framework, as a backbone of a successful transition to a circular economy
2. Crucial role of businesses in systemic transformation
3. Essential place of green public procurement practices supporting circular economy
4. Education on SCP practices
5. Smart monitoring

PROGRAMME

11:00 – 11:15 Registration

11:15 – 11:25 Welcome remarks

Mr Sun XIANGYANG, Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

11:25 – 12:00 Panel discussion

Ms Dora ALMASSY, Environmental Sciences and Policy Department, Central European University

Ms Marja INNANEN, Deputy Secretary General, National Commission on Sustainable Development, Finland

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Expert Commentators:

Ms Thi Lam Giang NGUYEN, Director General, Department for Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Vietnam

Mr Lukas MUELLER, Researcher, Freiburg University

Moderator:

Ms Grazyna PULAWSKA, Senior Project Manager, Asia-Europe Foundation

12:00 – 12:45 Q&A

12:45 – 13:00 Conclusions

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