

Plastic is one of the most durable, cheap, and used of modern materials utilized for numerous applications in everyday life as well as product life cycle. The Online Workshops Series on Circular Plastic Use: Innovate & Change to Close the Loop aims to result in creating a variety of solutions to the single-use plastic waste.

The second workshop in the series took place in the second week of June gathering participants from Asia and Europe. The participants worked on localised, scalable, and cost-efficient solutions taking into account environmental constraints. They worked in five groups focusing on topics such as:



Awareness & Skill



Business Models & Infrastructure



Environment & Health



Recyclability



Regulations

Awareness & Skills group has been working on an awareness campaign that would target consumers and promote Zero Waste lifestyle.

Business Models & Infrastructure group has been exploring 'no' plastic policy option as a strategy to eliminate the burden of waste management.

Environment & Health team focused on combating plastic pollution related to tourism by creating an educational campaign addressing both tourists and tourism industry.

Recyclability group has been exploring issues of standards & labels to ensure transparency in the supply chain.

Group working on **Regulations** has focused on challenges related to legal definition, comprehensive international standards and inconsistencies of regulations regarding waste among countries.

The group work was supported by input from Advisory Board: Mr Ton van der Giessen, CEO of Van Werven Plastic Recycling, international company with several locations in Europe and Mr Michael Siegner, Director of Hanns Seidel Foundation that has been supporting implementation of circular economy initiatives in Southeast Asia.

In a nutshell, second workshop of the series gathered a multinational group of interdisciplinary experts that have been working on solution through design thinking inspired methodology addressing the challenges in transitioning from a linear to a circular economy. This Workshop Series will result in a publication showcasing the solutions so stay tuned for updates from [Asia-Europe Environment Forum!](#)