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Eliminating Plastic and Microplastic Pollution - an urgent need

Stakeholder-Conference 11th and 12th May 2015
Permanent Representation of the Netherlands
4-10 Kortenberglaan
1040 Brussels

PROGRAMME

Moderator: Peter WOODWARD

Monday 11th May 2015

Session 1 - Welcome and Key notes

9.30 Registration

10:30 Welcome

Wepke KINGMA

*Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative
to the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the
Netherlands in Brussels*

Edgars TAVARS

*Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of
Environmental Protection and Regional
Development, Latvia*

Elisabeth FREYTAG-RIGLER

*Head of EU Coordination, Austrian Ministry of
Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water
Management*

Key Notes

Andrä RUPPRECHTER

*Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment
and Water Management, Austria*

Elisabeth KÖSTINGER

*Member of European Parliament, Environment
Committee*

Ulf Björnholm OTTOSSON

*Head of Office, Brussels Liaison Office to the EU
Institutions, United Nations Environmental
Programme (UNEP)*

John MOUAT

*Deputy Secretary of the Convention for the
Protection of the marine Environment of the
North-East Atlantic (OSPAR)*

Moderated Panel Discussion

12.20 Lunch (Buffet)

Session 2 – EPA Network

13.30	Kristín Linda ÁRNADÓTTIR	<i>Environment Agency Iceland, Official representation of EPA Network</i>
	Karl KIENZL	<i>Environment Agency Austria</i>
	Lilian BUSSE	<i>Umweltbundesamt, Germany</i>
	Anja VERSCHOOR	<i>National Institute for Public Health and the Environment RIVM, Netherlands</i>
	Marit KJELDBY	<i>Norwegian Environment Agency</i>
	Outi SETÄLÄ	<i>Finnish Environment Institute SYKE, Marine Research Centre</i>

Coffee break

Moderated Round Table Discussion

17.30 Closure of Day 1

18:00-20.00 Evening Reception *European Parliament, Members Salon, Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)*

Tuesday 12th May 2015

Session 3 – Stakeholder Dialogue with European Commission

9.00 Wrap up by Moderator

Initiatives of European Commission

Karmenu VELLA *European Commission, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*

Stakeholder Positions

Rüdiger BAUNEMANN *PlasticsEurope, Regional Director Central Europe*

Bruno TISSERAND *EurEau, Chair of the EurEau Commission on Waste Water and the Research Program*

Gerald RENNER *Cosmetics Europe, Director Technical Regulatory Affairs*

Emma PRIESTLAND *Seas at Risk, Marine Litter Policy Officer*

Jochen BERRENS *Borealis, Director Public Affairs*

Moderated Round Table Discussion

12.30 Outlook *Lilian BUSSE, Representative of the EPA Network*
John MOUAT, OSPAR-Convention

13.00 Closure of the Conference