

The International Conference
“Circular Economy in the Nordic-Baltic Region:
How far have we come?”
on September 10, 2019
in ALTUM Conference Hall, Doma laukums 4, Riga

AGENDA

The Conference moderator: Viesturs Celmiņš, Anthropologist

9:30 Coffee & Registration

10:00 Opening remarks

- Juris Pūce, Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development
- Stefan Eriksson, Director of the Nordic Council of Ministers' Office in Latvia
- Govert Jan Bijl De Vroe, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Republic of Latvia

10:20 Circular Economy – opportunities and barriers

- Rudīte Vesere, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development
- Arnoud Passeniere, the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (tbc)

11:00 Future of Textiles in Circular Economy

- Elis Benediktsson, *Nordic Innovation*

11:30 Future of Furniture in Circular Economy

- Mervyn Jones, Global Resources, Sustainable Global Resources Ltd

12:00 Lunch

12:40 Introductory presentation of a practical example:
Tor Sjödin, *Soeco Kontorsmöbler*

13:00 PANEL: Why Circular economy?

- Local Furniture Company (tbc)
- Katrīna Zariņa, Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, board member
- Jana Simanovska, Latvian Environmental Investment fund, environmental expert
- Alda Ozola, Ministry of Environment and Regional Development, deputy state secretary

- Gints Kukainis, Mayor of Smiltene

13:40 Introductory presentation of a practical example from the region:
Els Lenting, Dutch centre for circular textiles (tbc)

14:00 PANEL: How Circular is the Nordic Baltic Value Chain in textiles?

- David Watson, *PlanMiljø*, senior consultant
- Dace Akule, NGO *Green Liberty*, sustainable fashion expert
- Janis Aizbalts, SIA *Eco Baltia vide*, director
- Kaj Pihl, *Humana International*, environmental and recycling advisor

14:40 Wrap-up

15:00 Refreshments and networking