

Eionet webinar on

Financing mechanisms for the circular economy

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Summary and presentations

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1. Background and objectives of the webinar

Webinars on policies and instruments for resource efficiency and the circular economy are organized by the European Environment Agency for the <u>Eionet network</u>. They aim to support the exchange of information and sharing of experience among national institutions responsible for development and implementation of policies for the resource-efficient, circular economy at the country level.

The main objectives of resource efficiency webinars are to keep countries informed about on-going and upcoming EU policy initiatives, and to provide a forum where countries themselves can present examples of their national or regional initiatives to support the transition to a resource-efficient circular economy.

<u>Previous webinars</u> covered such topics as: national strategies for resource efficiency; targets and indicators; industrial symbiosis; circular economy – the concept and practice; RMC and the European target on resource productivity; decoupling; policy mixes for resource efficiency; or national action plans for the circular economy.

The latest webinar in this series was held on 26 September 2018, from 12:30 to 14:00 Central European Time, focusing on financing mechanisms for the circular economy. Mr. Pavel Misiga from DG RTD/H2020 gave a keynote presentation on the role of policy and financing to accelerate the transition to the circular economy. This was followed by an overview of circular economy-related activities of the European Investment Bank by Mr. Arnold Verbeek, and a presentation of TAIEX Peerto-Peer support mechanism available to member states, by Mr. Andreas Versmann from DG Environment. Mr. Mihkel Krusberg from the Ministry of Environment concluded the webinar by outlining financial support initiatives for resource efficiency in Estonian companies.

The webinar was attended by over sixty participants from 22 countries:

Austria

Belgium

Bulgaria

Croatia

Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

Finland

France

France

Germany

Hungary

Italy

Netherlands

Poland

Portugal

Serbia

Slovakia

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

United Kingdom



2. Webinar Agenda: financing mechanisms for the circular economy

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12:30	Welcome and introduction
-	Daniel Montalvo and Pawel Kazmierczyk, EEA
12:35	
12:35	Transition to circular economy: how can we accelerate the process
_	through policy and financing?
13:00	Mr. Pavel Misiga, DG RTD, European Commission
	(20 min presentation + 5 min Q&A)
13:00	European Investment Bank's activities to support the Circular Economy
_	transition in member states
13:20	Mr. Arnold Verbeek, European Investment Bank
	(15 min presentation + 5 min Q&A)
13:20	Support to Member States' action on the circular economy through peer
_	learning - TAIEX-EIR PEER 2 PEER
13:35	Mr. Andreas Versmann, DG Environment, European Commission
	(10 min presentation + 5 min Q&A)
13:35	Supporting resource efficiency in Estonia
-	Mr. Mihkel Krusberg, Ministry of Environment, Estonia
13:50	(10 min presentation + 5 min Q&A)
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_	General questions and answers
14:00	
14:00	
14:00	End of the webinar
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3. Short bios of the speakers

Mr. Pavel Misiga, Eco-Innovation Unit, DG RTD, European Commission

Mr. Pavel Misiga is a Head of Unit for Eco-Innovation at DG RTD, and the Coordinator of the CE expert group under the CE Finance Support Platform. He holds degrees from Comenius University, the London School of Economics and Princeton University.

Prior to joining the European Commission, Mr Misiga worked as an environmental expert for numerous private, governmental and non-governmental organisations, and as a senior official at the Ministry of Environment in his home country Slovakia.

Since joining the European Commission, he has led teams working on Sustainable Production and Consumption, Resource Efficiency, Circular Economy and Water policies.

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Mr. Arnold Verbeek, Finance Advisory Division, European Investment Bank

Arnold Verbeek works as a Senior Advisor in the Innovation Finance Advisory division of the European Investment Bank (EIB), where he mainly focuses on access-to-finance challenges and potential new ways of financing highly innovative projects and beneficiaries in RDI intensive sectors. He specialises in Higher Education and RTOs, the digital economy and the agri-food sector, and has been co-leading EIB's activities in the circular economy.

He has over 15 years of experience in R&D and innovation, including the financing of, and has worked closely with a wide array of national and regional governments, institutions, industry federations and companies in various sectors.

Before joining the EIB, Arnold worked as a manager and senior expert at a Brussels-based advisory firm and as a senior researcher at the University of Leuven (Belgium). He has published several articles on technology development and associated metrics, R&D collaboration and commercialisation.

Arnold holds degrees in Business Administration and Business Sciences.

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Mr. Andreas Versmann, TAIEX-EIR, DG Environment, European Commission

Andreas Versmann, Germany, is project manager of the TAIEX-EIR Peer 2 Peer programme at DG Environment, the European Commission, since 2017. He promotes and arranges peer learning between environmental authorities of European Member States. Before, he managed the secretariat of the Sustainable Development Observatory of the European Economic and Social Committee.

From 2007 to 2011 he worked as a policy officer at DG Environment of the European Commission in charge of promoting the circular economy and facilitating the implementation of the Waste Framework Directive from 2008.

In more than 15 years at a ministry for environment in a German region, the Land Brandenburg he gained extensive experience in practical implementation of environmental policies on the ground. He has an academic education in law and political sciences.

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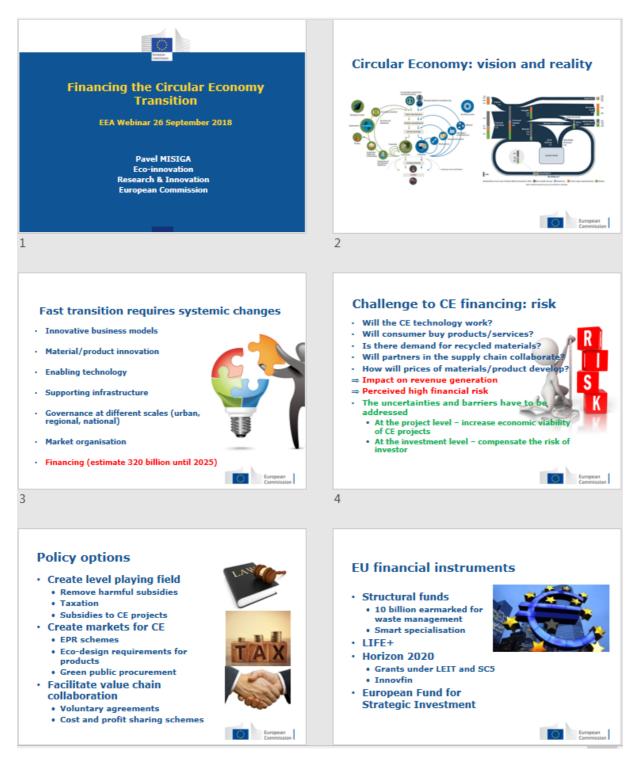
Mr. Mihkel Krusberg, Department of Environmental Management, Ministry of Environment, Estonia

Mihkel Krusberg is an adviser in Environmental Management Department at Ministry of the Environment of Estonia. For the last four years, he worked in the areas of resource efficiency and circular economy. Besides implementing initiatives related to the EU (including EU funds), he is also involved in cooperation with the OECD, EEA and the Presidency of UN Environment Assembly.

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4. Presentations

4.1 Pavel Misiga, Eco-Innovation Unit, DG RTD, European Commission



H2020 support to R&I for CE

- · Focus Area on Circular Economy
- 780 million EUR
- · LEIT, SC5, SC2
- · RIAs, IAs, CSAs
- Large span of TRLs
- Large scale demonstration projects
- · Complementary action:
 - Expert group on CE financing





Planned R&I support

H2020

· 940 million EUR

FP9 2021-20127 - Horizon Europe

- · ? billion EUR
- Intervention Areas: Circular Systems, Circular Industry and Bio-economy
- Missions

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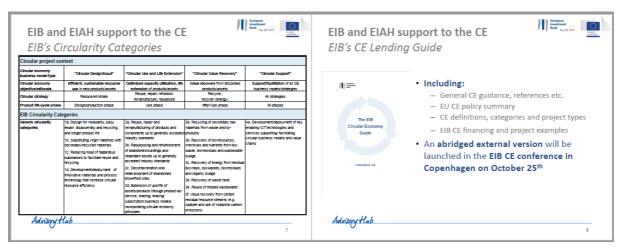
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4.2 Arnold Verbeek, Finance Advisory Division, European Investment Bank

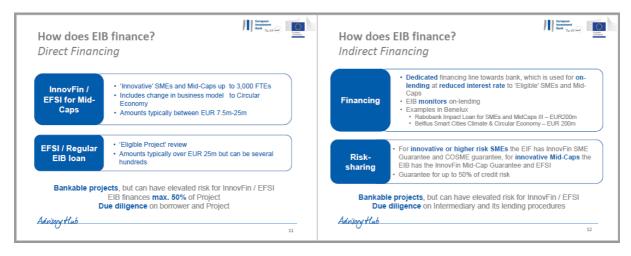




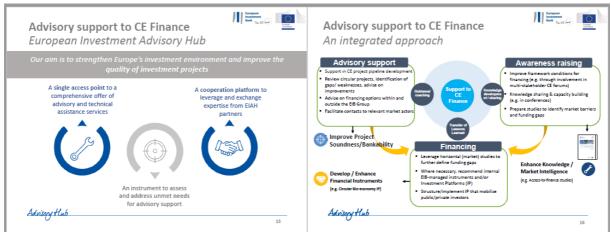


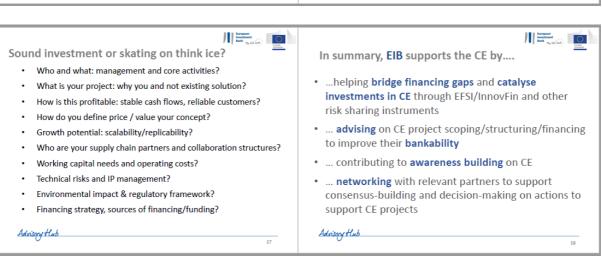












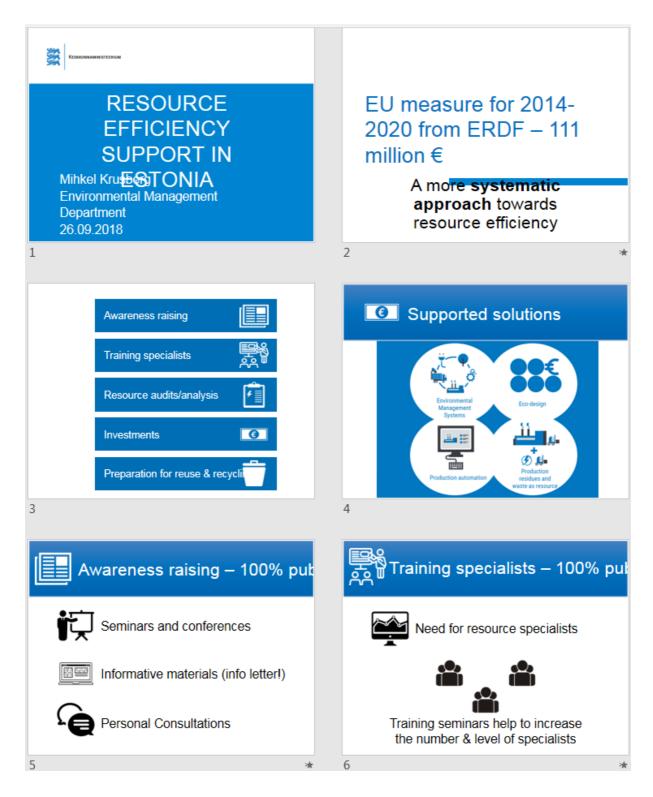


4.3 Andreas Versmann, TAIEX-EIR, DG Environment, European Commission





4.4 Mihkel Krusberg, Ministry of Environment, Estonia





Specialists conduct analyses and suggest solutions

> ≤ **7500€** or 50% of the cost



Companies apply for funding to install solutions

≤ 2 000 000€ or 50% of the cost

Goals 2016 - 2023



700 people informed



40 trained specialists



300 analyses conducted



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108 mln € invested in 270 companies

State of play

- · 49 auditors trained
- · First call (Jan 2017-March 2018) 27 projects
 - . 26 approved (23,8 mln €) 3 ended
- · Second call (August 2018 June 2019)
 - Separate call for small projects (grant ≤ 200 000 €)
- · Ongoing call for audits
 - . 66 audits approved (364 000 €) 43 ended

Funded projects overview

- Wood industry 15 projects (16,5 mln €)
- Mining industry 6 projects (2,7 mln €)
- Food industry 2 projects (2,3 mln €)
- Minerals industry 2 projects (0,6 mln €)
- Paper/pulp industry 1 project (1,7 mln €)

Tootsi Turvas

- · Largest peat miner
- · Wood chips from wood stumps mobile shredder
- · Project 400 000 €, grant 100 000 €



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Kiviluks

- · Minerals mining, processing, crushing
- Innovative production unit with new washing system for limestone - improvement of gravel and sand filtration
- Project 1,66 mln €, grant 623 250 €



