



# dealing with plastics in the circular economy

## putting the European Strategy on Plastics into practice

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In January 2018, the European Commission adopted the first European Strategy on Plastics. Vice-president Timmermans said: *"If we don't change the way we produce and use plastics, there will be more plastics than fish in our oceans by 2050. We must stop plastics getting into our water, our food, and even our bodies. The only long-term solution is to reduce plastic waste by recycling and reusing more. This is a challenge that citizens, industry and governments must tackle together."*

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## Programme

09h00 **Registration**

09h15 **Welcome and Presentation of the Debate**

- Ferran Tarradellas Head of the European Commission Representation in Barcelona
- Arnau Queralt Director of the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development in Catalonia (CADS) and President of the network of European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC Network)

09h30 **The European Strategy on Plastics: Key Issues**

- Joanna Drake Deputy Director General, Directorate General for the Environment of the European Commission

10h30 **Coffee and Networking**

11h00 **Debate on Dealing with Plastics in the Circular Economy**

Chaired by Ferran Rodés President of the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development in Catalonia (CADS)

- Susana Gionfra Policy Analyst, Institute for European Environmental Policy
- Josep Francesc Font President, Tarragona Chemical Business Association
- Joan Marc Simon Executive Director, *Zero Waste Europe*
- Josep Maria Tost Director, Waste Agency of Catalonia
- Joanna Drake Deputy Director General, Directorate General for the Environment of the European Commission

13h00 **Conclusions**

*Working languages: Catalan – English – Spanish  
(Simultaneous interpretation will be available)*

