



EU Raw Materials Week

Sustainable & Critical: Natural Rubber and its future

This Session organised by the **European Tyre and Rubber Manufacturers' Association** in partnership with the **International Rubber Study Group**, will bring together European and International stakeholders to look at the forthcoming challenges and the needs of the natural rubber value chain.

PROGRAMME

Moderator of the Event – David Shaw

15h00 – 15h30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

15h30 – Keynote speech

Mrs Malwina Nowakowska, EC DG GROW – Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials Unit

How can responsible and sustainable sourcing of natural rubber support the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals?

15h45 – Setting the Scene on Supply Chains

Ms. Shivani Kannabhiran, Responsible Supply Chains, OECD

OECD's approach to supply chain management in South East Asia.

15h55 – 16h40

First Panel: Criticality of Natural Rubber and Sustainability of its Value Chain.

The panel is about outlining the challenge regarding security of supply and the balance of supply and demand, including the sustainability of the value chain.

Speakers:

Mrs Fazilet Cinaralp, European Tyre and Rubber Manufacturers' Association

Economic and supply challenges of Natural Rubber: a raw material with high economic importance to the EU combined with risk(s) associated to its supply.

Mr Salvatore Pinizzotto, International Rubber Study Group

Transparency on the Natural Rubber Market: IRSG will review the challenges to sustainability and effective policy making brought by the unreliability of the data.

Mr Hervé Deguine, Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber

First industry Initiative to answer to the challenge of traceability and sustainability in the natural rubber value chain.

16h40 – 17h00– Questions & Answers

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Second Panel: Natural Rubber supply diversity and emerging solutions

Rubber coming from tropical regions from hevea trees, from arid regions from guayule, and from temperate climates like Russian dandelion - Could this become a sustainable reality?

Speakers:

Mr Anker Sorensen, KeyGene

Dandelion Rubber and Inulin Valorization and Exploitation for Europe – (DRIVE4EU) EU funded project: main learnings

Mr Michel Dorget, Centre de Transfert de Technologies du Mans and Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD)

The case of Guayule.

17h30 - 17h50 – Questions & Answers Session

17h50 – 18h00 – Closing Remarks from the Moderator

18h00 – Networking cocktail