# POLICY MEASURES FOR TEXTILE CIRCULARITY
## 9 September 2019, Peldu street 25 (room No 409), Riga

The event is a follow-up conference of the Nordic-Baltic collaboration project "Towards Nordic-Baltic circular textile system: an analyses of post-consumer textiles in Baltic countries, recommendations for policy interventions and sector development" funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers.

During the event - organised by SEI Tallinn, Nordic Council of Ministers and Green Liberty - we will present our findings and the data which we gathered regarding post-consumer textile flows in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Speakers from the Baltic countries, as well as other EU countries will tell us about the best practices and experiences from their perspectives. During the facilitated workshops all participants will have the opportunity to get involved in the discussion on how policies could help address the problem of increasing textile waste and support the transition to EU requirements of collecting textile waste separately from 2025.

**Target group**: Policy makers, industry associations, textile producers and retailers, academia, as well as main post-consumer textile collection, reuse and recycling organisations from the Nordic - Baltic region.

**Aims of the event:**

- To gather key stakeholders in the Nordic - Baltic region around the topic of post-consumer textiles and the circular economy,
- To introduce the mapping results of the consumption of new textiles and post-consumer textile flows in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania,
- To provide an overview of current practices and regulatory measures of post-consumer textile collection, reuse and recycling in the Baltics in the light of the forthcoming EU 1st January 2025 requirement for separate collection of textile waste
- To share EU and Nordic experiences in developing and implementing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes, policy initiatives and other regulative instruments in organising textile collection, reuse and recycling
- To create round-table discussions on whether these and other policy measures can facilitate the reuse and recycling of used textiles in the Baltics and how to prepare the region for the EU 2025 requirement.

The event is linked to the conference "Circular economy in the Nordic-Baltic region: how far have we come?" on 10 September, 2019, in Riga, organised by Latvian Environmental Investment Fund, Green Liberty and the Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Latvia.

**AGENDA**

**9:00 Registration and coffee**

**9:30 Opening words**

• Stefan Eriksson, Nordic Council of Ministers' Office in Latvia director
• Kerli Kant Hvass, SEI Tallinn project expert

**9:45 Presentations followed by open discussion with the audience on mapping results of textile flows in the Baltic States**

• Dace Akule, Green Liberty sustainable fashion expert (Latvia)
• Inga Gurauskiene, KTU researcher (Lithuania)
• Viktorija Nausediene, Resources for Sustainable development/ TEXTALE founder (Lithuania)
• Kristiina Martin, SEI Tallinn junior expert (Estonia)

Moderated by: Kerli Kant Hvass, SEI Tallinn project expert (tbc)

**11:30 Interactive feedback from the audience: challenges and opportunities managing textile flows**

**12:00 Lunch**

**13:00 EU policy for increased circularity in post-consumer textiles**

Chiel Berends, European Commission, policy officer

**13:25 Policy for increased circularity in post-consumer textiles in the Baltic countries**

Harri Moora, SEI Tallinn environmental management program director

**13:50 Potential of Extended Producer Responsibility regulations from a Swedish perspective**

Naoko Tojo, Lund University, researcher

**14:15 How can we meet the 2025 requirement? Facilitated workshops on needed policy in the Baltic states**

*What are the main obstacles to reach the 2025 requirement? What policy should be put in place to meet the requirement? Which actors should be involved and what their roles should be?*

Moderated by: David Watson, PlanMiljo senior consultant

**15:30 Wrap up**

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**15:45 Networking, refreshments**