

Reducing Our Plastic Footprint: Experiences from the European Union

Thursday, April 25, 2019

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Held at:

CT Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection Headquarters
Gina McCarthy Auditorium
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106

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Please join us for this presentation to learn more the European Commission's strategy for managing plastics in a circular economy. In May 2018, the European Commission proposed a new directive to tackle marine litter. The initiative targets the top ten single use plastic items found on EU beaches and abandoned, lost and disposed of fishing gear, which together constitute 70% of all marine litter items. The Single Use Plastics Directive is an integral part of EC's Plastics Strategy and an important element of the Circular Economy Action Plan.

Giuliana Torta, Counsellor for Environment, Fisheries and Ocean policies at the E.U. Delegation to the U.S. in Washington DC will discuss the European plastic ban, compare the E.U. and U.S. political environments, and share strategies we can implement.

This event is hosted in partnership with the Connecticut River Conservancy and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.



Giuliana Torta serves as Counsellor for Environment, Fisheries and Ocean policies at the EU Delegation to the US in Washington DC. Giuliana worked in the European Commission headquarters for 11 years before moving to DC in 2017. In Washington, she covers a wide range of environmental policies including Circular Economy and Resource efficiency, the recent EU Plastics Strategy, Food waste, Fisheries and Ocean governance. She was previously posted as Environment Adviser in the EU Delegation for the Pacific, with regional responsibilities. A forester by training with a PhD in landscape and plant ecology, she has over 25 years of experience in implementation and development of environmental policies, ranging

from biodiversity and nature conservation, international forestry, climate adaptation and sustainable development.

Single-use plastics: New EU rules to reduce marine litter, EC Press Release, May 2018

For More Information

Questions and Answers: New EU rules on single-use plastics

Factsheet

Proposal for a Directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment & Annex Impact assessment & Summary

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