



EU KNOWLEDGE SHARING WORKSHOP
“PROMOTING ALTERNATIVES TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS FOR SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN VIET NAM”

Time: 13:30 a.m on Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022

Location: Goethe-Institut, 56-58-60 Nguyen Thai Hoc, Ba Dinh, Hanoi

Time	Contents	Responsible party
13:30 – 14:00	Participation registration	ISPONRE
14:00 – 14:20	Opening remark	- ISPONRE - Rui Ludovino, Delegation of the European Union to Vietnam
14:20 – 14:40	Overview of policies to reduce single-use plastic products in Viet Nam and current plastic bag usage at supermarkets in Hanoi	Representative of ISPONRE
14:40 – 15:00	How to reduce SUP bags and promote alternatives? EU experiences, from policy to practices	Mathias Gustavson (IVL)
15:00 – 15:30	Discussion	
15:30 – 15:50	Experiences from the ‘Rethinking Plastics’ regional pilot projects	Elena Rabbow (GIZ)
15:50 – 16:10	Alternatives to single-use plastic bags and products in Viet Nam.	Representative of Green Hub
16:10 – 16:40	Discussion	
16:40– 17:00	Conclusion and Closing remarks	- Leader of ISPONRE - Representative of Expertise France - Representative from the Goethe-Institut Hanoi

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About speakers:

Elena Rabbow is part of the regional Rethinking Plastics project team since November 2021 and coordinates activities around Sustainable Consumption and Production as well as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

She joined GIZ in 2018. For 3 years she focuses on circular economy approaches, (plastic) waste management as well as marine litter prevention.

Mathias Gustavsson (IVL Swedish Environment Institute)

Dr Mathias Gustavsson works as senior researchers at IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute with projects on waste issues, sustainable energy, and transports with more than 20 years' experience. Mathias has been team leader and coordinator of several complex projects involving policy development and strategic planning linked to valorization of waste streams and energy sector. Other projects include feasibility and strategic studies on waste management, energy solutions and socio-economic impacts from improved waste management and recycling in Indonesia. He is currently part of the team of international experts that supports the Rethinking Plastics project on, among other things, EU policies and experiences on single use plastics.

Dr. Kim Thi Thuy Ngoc is working at the Institute of Strategy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)

Jointed Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) since 2005. Worked at Institute of Strategy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE) since 2008. Participated in number of international and national projects on natural resources, waste management and circular economy. Currently, Dr. Ngoc is a Project Coordinator of the pilot project “An innovative initiative to establish the Alliance of Supermarkets to reduce the consumption of single-use plastic bags in Viet Nam” under the Regional Project “Rethinking plastic - A circular economy solution to reduce marine litter” (Rethinking Plastics).

Ms. Trang Nguyen Thi Thu - MBA, Co-Founder and Deputy Director of GreenHub

Ms. Trang has been working in the environment and development sector with a focus on a plastic pollution in Vietnam for about 14 years. She has worked as Project Director in different waste management projects, programs in Vietnam and other countries for different donors and agencies including IUCN, DIG, CSIRO, The Sustainable Trade Initiatives – IDH, Coca-Cola Foundation and USAID. Currently, she as acted as Chief of Party for project funded by USAID called “Local Sollution for Plastic Pollution” to aim at building collective action from the ground up by strengthening and



uniting networks, communities and individuals through 1) environmental health literacy, 2) locally-determined and data-driven, solutions for advocacy, 3) policy, 4) business innovation, 5) combining traditional media and emerging communications technologies. She is facilitating the Plastic Action Network to mobilize knowledge-gathering, monitor plastics-related assessments and publications, and promote innovative solutions in 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) and the Circular Economy. She has also invited by UNEP as an international trainer for 'Training of Trainers' in Marine Plastic Litter' for all ASEAN countries; and invited by the office of the National Assembly for policy advice on plastics waste, to update the national Law on Environmental Protection 2020.