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The European Strategy for Plastics: Will It Help?

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- An international law firm with its headquarter in Washington, DC, Steptoe is renowned for its **leading regulatory and litigation practices**.
- More than **500 lawyers and other professionals worldwide**, in offices in Beijing, Brussels, Chicago, London, Los Angeles, New York, Phoenix, San Francisco, and Washington.
- The largest **dedicated environment and life sciences regulatory practice** of any law firm in Brussels (10 full time professionals).
- **Multidisciplinary teams** (lawyers, scientists, and policy advisors) also in US and China.
- Consistently ranked by legal directories in the **top tier for Chemicals and Environment** for our “stellar environmental capabilities.”
- The work of our EU Environment & Life Sciences team focuses on **product safety, defence and sustainability** and is closely related to the existing and future regulatory landscape implementing the Plastics Strategy
- **Hence our interest in this panel discussion!**

Dr. Anna Gergely



- Director EHS Regulatory, Steptoe Brussels
- A European Patent Attorney in a role equivalent to partner, with a PhD in analytical and quantum chemistry
- Unique combination of deep scientific understanding and cutting-edge regulatory knowledge in environmental legislation, focusing on chemicals, food, food contact materials, consumer products and workers' safety matters
- Providing creative solutions to clients seeking compliance strategies that cover the full range of their technical and legal needs in food, feed, food contact materials (risk assessment and composition compliance, marketing claims, and hygiene rules)

Panel discussion

- Dr. Anna Gergely - Steptoe: Introduction and Background
- Paulo Lemos - European Commission- DG ENVI
- Dr. Nina Maier – UBA (German Federal Environment Agency)
- Dr. Leonor Garcia - PlasticsEurope
- Prof. Edward Kosior - Nextek Ltd.
- Beth Simpson - Anthesis Ltd.

Commission's Plastics Strategy

- The vision:
 - Improving the economics and quality of plastics recycling;
 - Curbing plastic waste and littering;
 - Driving innovation and investment towards circular solutions and
 - Harnessing global action
- Impact of the Plastics Strategy on existing EU measures
 - Plastics Recycling
 - Improve product design: revision of Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive
 - Circular economy package: interface between chemical, product and waste legislation
 - Boost recycled content: new eco-design measures, revision of packaging, construction, end-of-life vehicles, food contact, public procurement
 - Curbing plastic waste and littering
 - Single-use plastics
 - Compostable and biodegradable plastics
 - Microplastics and oxo-plastics restrictions via REACH
 - Innovation and investment
 - Global impact