All business games will get a set of total new rules.

Very soon now, we can expect from the European level a tsunami of new laws that have to stop climate change for once and for all. 2030 and 2050 are the deadlines in this game and time is running out on us.



Therefor European directives will be made local law in no time.

The obligation to design products in a circular way with the eco design directive.

Obliged total transparency with the digital product passport.

Governments will be forced to buy 100% circular, and this time for real, playtime is over! Extended producer responsibility, staying even responsible for the "after life" of the product.

No more single use plastics. Reduce the impact of certain plastic products, including bans or restrictions on certain single-use plastics and the promotion of alternative products.



The 3 revolutions will do the rest. Digitalisation for example will change the market even more. And digitalisation is one of the most important drivers towards circularity. Can you imagine what effect this will have on our industry?

Increasing the speed of change by relying on trusted certificates is one of the solutions that European legislators will emphasize. Let that precisely be what Responsible Office is so strong at.



Legislation on packaging and packaging waste. Office supplies sometimes comes with excessive packaging, which can be minimized using reusable containers. **Responsible Office Dealer Lumap** is currently investigating this with a test case with reusable packaging with their customers. Logistics is of course a challenge.

<u>Leen Vergaert, Product Manager Stationery:</u> "this training is the start for me to question own product range very critically. We always develop according to the linear or recycling economy. Circular economy is one step further in the story of sustainable entrepreneurship. An exciting challenge!"

The regulation on batteries will have to prevent single use batteries by replacing them by rechargeable batteries for example, including those used in office equipment such as calculators, projectors, laserpointers...

CSRD reporting will force companies and organisation to be more transparent. The time that one could win business with green washing will be over and out very soon. **And Responsible Office is very happy with this.**

Some companies will have to comply with CSRD from 1 January 2024 onwards, others can wait a little bit longer, but January 2025 will be their call.

The heat is on, the rule of the game is changing rapidly. Luckily, we have Responsible Office Masterclass that informs us of all we need to know to become circular and by doing so we will even do more and better business.



Masterclasses 09:30 to 12:30 CET ONLINE Zoom:

Session 4: 1 December 2023: Identify circular opportunities in your company, <u>circular development and design</u>. Session 5: 15 December 2023: closing meeting in Merelbeke Belgium 10:00 - 15:30 CET. Free catering included. **Please join this MARKET DIALOGUE and invite your colleagues and customers that are interested to learn more on circularity. Participants of this Masterclass, experts, private and public buyers will be present. Free of charge for everyone. HYBRID: this closing meeting can also be followed online.**