

Circular Economy Strategies for Sustainable Digital Devices and the Right to Repair

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09.15 – 09.30 Welcome and introduction

- Prof. Jordi Jaria, Chair of the Red.es project at Universitat Rovira i Virgili
- Prof. Aitana de la Varga Pastor and Josep-Maria Arauzo-Carod, organizers

09.30 – 10.30 Keynote speaker: Xavier Vence (Universidade de Santiago de Compostela) (Chair: Prof. Aitana de la Varga Pastor)

- “Obsolescence and Hyperconsumption: The Structural Barriers to Repair”

10.30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 Session 1: The Economics of Reparability: Incentives, Costs and Market Dynamics (Chair: Prof. Josep-Maria Arauzo-Carod)

- “Mapping the Repair Industry using Social Media Data” (Georgios-Rafail Dimakis, Ioannis Marinakis and Konstantinos P. Tsagarakis, Technical University of Crete)
- “The right to repair: between obligations and measures to promote waste planning to make this right effective” (Ángel Ruiz de Apodaca Espinosa, Universidad de Navarra)
- “Integrating Economic and Regulatory Perspectives for Digital Sustainability: Advancing Circular Economy in Digital Devices through Material Lifecycle Management” (Aitana de la Varga Pastor and Josep-Maria Arauzo-Carod, Universitat Rovira i Virgili)

12.30 – 13.45 Lunch break

13.45 – 15.45 **Session 2: Regulation Meets Technology: Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement** (Chair: Itziar Sobrino García)

- “The Legal Architecture of the Right to Repair” (Beltrán Puentes, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela)
- “Legal Indicators and Regulatory Effectiveness in Circular Economy Strategies” (Itziar Sobrino García and Jennifer Sánchez González, Universidade A Coruña)
- “Perspectives on the European Battery Regulation: Advancing Circularity in the Battery Value Chain?” (Prof. Alberto Quintavalla, Erasmus University Rotterdam; Stefano Porfido, Graduate Institute of Geneva)
- “The Right to Repair Across European Contexts: Comparative Insights from Germany and Southern Europe” (Patricia Sangama, Universitat Rovira i Virgili)

15.45 – 16:15 **Coffee Break**

16.15 – 18.15 **Session 3: Circular Futures: Innovation, Policy, and Social Acceptance** (Chair: Jennifer Sánchez González)

- “The European Regulatory framework and its effect on repairability of digital devices” (Francisco López Bermúdez and Xavier Vence, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela)
- “The right to repair in strategic public procurement of digital devices: assessing repairability in practice” (Teresa Roa Martínez, Universidade de Vigo)
- “The development of green algorithms and the circular economy in the legal system of the European Union” (Francisco Javier Sanz Larruga and Xan Paz Guerreiro, Universidade da Coruña)
- “The Mismatch Between Sustainability and Utility: Consumer Preferences in Regard to Repairability as a Public Standard of Conformity” (Hernán Cortez López, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela)

18:15-18.30 **Closing of the workshop**

- Prof. Aitana de la Varga Pastor and Josep-Maria Arauzo-Carod, organizers

To attend, please register [here](#)