

Navigating circular economy regulation in the EU, US and Latin America

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This webinar explored key developments in circular economy regulation across the EU, US and Latin America. It opened with an overview of the EU landscape, where sustainability remains central but is increasingly framed in terms of competitiveness and resilience. A defining feature of the EU regime remains the continued tension between fragmentation and harmonisation: although there is a clear shift towards directly applicable regulations, national divergences persist in practice, creating ongoing compliance challenges for companies operating across multiple Member States. A similar dynamic is emerging in the US, where state-driven regulation has resulted in a patchwork of requirements.

The discussion then turned to how companies are responding to these complex and evolving frameworks. In the EU and US, key challenges include the cumulative impact of overlapping regulatory requirements, difficulties in obtaining and managing supply chain data, and ongoing regulatory uncertainty around timing, simplification measures and state-level litigation. By contrast, in Latin America the focus has largely shifted beyond regulatory development to a focus on implementation.

The session concluded with a discussion on the regulatory developments expected to shape the circular economy agenda in the coming years.



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