

Leather: a Natural Choice for the Circular Economy

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Brussels: by invitations only, Online: zoom
11 June at 14:30 (Brussels time)



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Opening Remarks

14:30 – 14:35

- Manuel Rios - *President of COTANCE*

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Industry Perspective

14:35 – 14:45

Leather & the Circular Economy (10 min)

How the circular economy can stimulate greater by-product utilisation while protecting well-established EU value chains. Presentation of the **METASKILLS4TCLF** project & its contribution to the circular economy through innovative curricula.

- Gustavo Gonzalez-Quijano, *Secretary General, COTANCE*

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Scientific Insights

14:45 – 15:15

The Circular Properties of Leather (30 min)

- Gustavo Adrian Defeo, CEO, *CTC Ars Tinctoria SR*

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Biodegradability & Compostability

15:15 – 15:25

The State of Play of Leather's Biodegradability & Compostability (10 min)

- Karl Flowers, Managing Director, *Authenticae*

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Leather Value Chain Insights

15:25 – 15:40

Importance of traceability in supporting sustainability claims within the leather value chain (15 min)

- Deborah Taylor, Managing Director, *Sustainable Leather Foundation*

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Q&A – Closing Remarks

15:40 – 16:00

by Gustavo Gonzalez-Quijano - *Secretary General (COTANCE)*

