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Dear circular economy community,

It's been a busy month since our 'welcome back' edition of the newsletter and the ECESP is in full swing! Here is a taste of some recent and future ECESP activities.

The bioeconomy entails using renewable biological resources from land and sea to produce food, materials and energy. A stronger bioeconomy would therefore mean a more circular economy too. Accordingly, a high-level conference on [The bioeconomy - Enabling the European Green Deal in challenging times](#) will take place on **6 and 7 October** in the Charlemagne building in Brussels. There will also be an EUCT on the bioeconomy on **5 October**, focusing on [Circular Bioeconomy Value Chains – insights and best practices](#). And don't forget to check out the various [Circular Week 2022](#) events involving [Coordination Group members](#).

News and events

Mazovia Circular Congress

[This hybrid event](#) will sum up and conclude Circular Week 2022, and will take place in Warsaw on **7 October 2022**. It will involve the participation of small and large firms, start-ups, investors, representatives of public administrations and local governments, enterprises, managers dealing with sustainable development and corporate social responsibility, and the media. Register [here](#).

#EURegionsWeek Info Session - Implementing circular systemic solutions in cities and regions

Under the motto *New Challenges for Europe's cohesion*, the 20th #EURegionsWeek will host an online session on the operation of the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI). Don't forget to register for the info session [Implementing circular systemic solutions in cities and regions](#) to take place on Wednesday **13 October 2022**.

csrTAG 2022: A whole day devoted to artificial intelligence & circular economy

Do you want to learn more about the link between the digital world and the circular economy? Join **respACT** - Austrian business council for sustainable development - at the [international congress for sustainable business at the csrTAG 2022](#) on **13 October 2022**.

#EUCircularTalks

Save the date for the following #EUCircularTalks!

5 October 2022: [Circular Bioeconomy Value Chains – insights and best practices](#) (Innowo, Copacogeca, UVIC, UPNA, Circular Week 22).

The ECESP leadership group on Bioeconomy and Food Systems invites you to this EU Circular Talks (#EUCTs) on Bioeconomy Value Chains. Join us on 05 October 2022 (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CEST), to get insights on ways we can help design and build circular value chains that foster bioeconomic transformation.

[Register](#) now!

20 October 2022: [What role do secondary materials play in new constructions and in buildings renovation?](#) (ENEA, Alchemia Nova, Ecopreneur, Holland Circular Hotspot).

The ECESP Leadership Group on Construction and Infrastructure invites you to attend this #EUCircularTalks on 20 October from 10:00 to noon CEST. Join the expert panel to find out just how effective the construction system is in using secondary materials from the supply chain and the advantages of that in terms of CO2 emissions and embodied energy using secondary materials.

[Register](#) now!

22 November 2022: [Closing infrastructure material cycles through European cooperation](#) (Rijkswaterstaat, German Sustainable Building Council, Nordic Circular Hotspot)

The ECESP leadership group on Building and Infrastructure invites you to listen to the panellists in an open discussion about closing material cycles at the EU level: what are the stakes, obstacles, and opportunities? What should be arranged at the EU level from a policy and market perspective to make that happen?

[Register now!](#)

You can read the [final reports](#) of #EUCircularTalks or watch the [recordings](#), and feel free to join the online [discussion](#)!

More about [news and events](#)

Knowledge and strategies

Exploring tools from regenerative economics for a balanced transition towards a circular EU27

Are there limits to the robustness of our socio-economic metabolism? And is a 100% circularity rate in the EU27 theoretically possible? Can we use principles and indicators from regenerative economics to develop (rather than just grow) regenerative circular economies? These aspects are discussed in the paper on [Are there limits to robustness? Exploring tools from regenerative economics for a balanced transition towards a circular EU27](#).

Trade for an inclusive circular economy: A framework for collective action

[This paper](#) sets out a framework for inclusive circular trade, intended to enable a pathway in which circular trade helps to promote fair, inclusive and circular societies. The framework was developed through the work of an alliance of organisations spanning Africa, Southeast Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe.

More about [knowledge](#) and [strategies](#)

Good practices

Circular flooring partnership by Tarkett & IKEA

[Tarkett](#), a global leader in innovative flooring and sports surface solutions, is working with IKEA in Stockholm to transform used Tarkett flooring from the IKEA Kungens Kurva store into new flooring.

A new life for used or broken skateboards makes skating more sustainable and supports the local community

Skateboarding is rapidly becoming more popular, resulting in an extensive skater-specific pollution problem around the world. [Commune DIY \(CDIY\)](#), a team of skateboarding professionals and enthusiasts, collects old, broken Canadian maple hardwood skateboards that have lost their original purpose and recycles every bit of them.

Hutoepito: upcycling closed-cell rigid polyurethane foams

In order to reduce waste, [Hutoepito's](#) project aims to solve the mechanical recycling of closed-cell, rigid, cross-linked polyurethane foams. They want to develop a new technology to upcycle (re-use) closed-cell, rigid, cross-linked polyurethane foam materials, thereby reducing or eliminating production waste generated by Hutoepito or other market players in Hungary or even in the Central European region.

More about [good practices](#)

Circular updates from the European Commission

In October 2020 the European Commission launched **Level(s)**, the new EU common language for assessing the sustainability performance of buildings. At this year's **European Week of Regions and Cities**, the Commission will be running a [special webinar](#) to show how Level(s) can help the buildings sector contribute to EU climate and circularity objectives within cities and regions. Tune in on **12 October** from 16:00 to 17:00!

Are you making the circular economy happen? Can your project inspire others?
[Share](#) your good practice and connect with the circular economy community!